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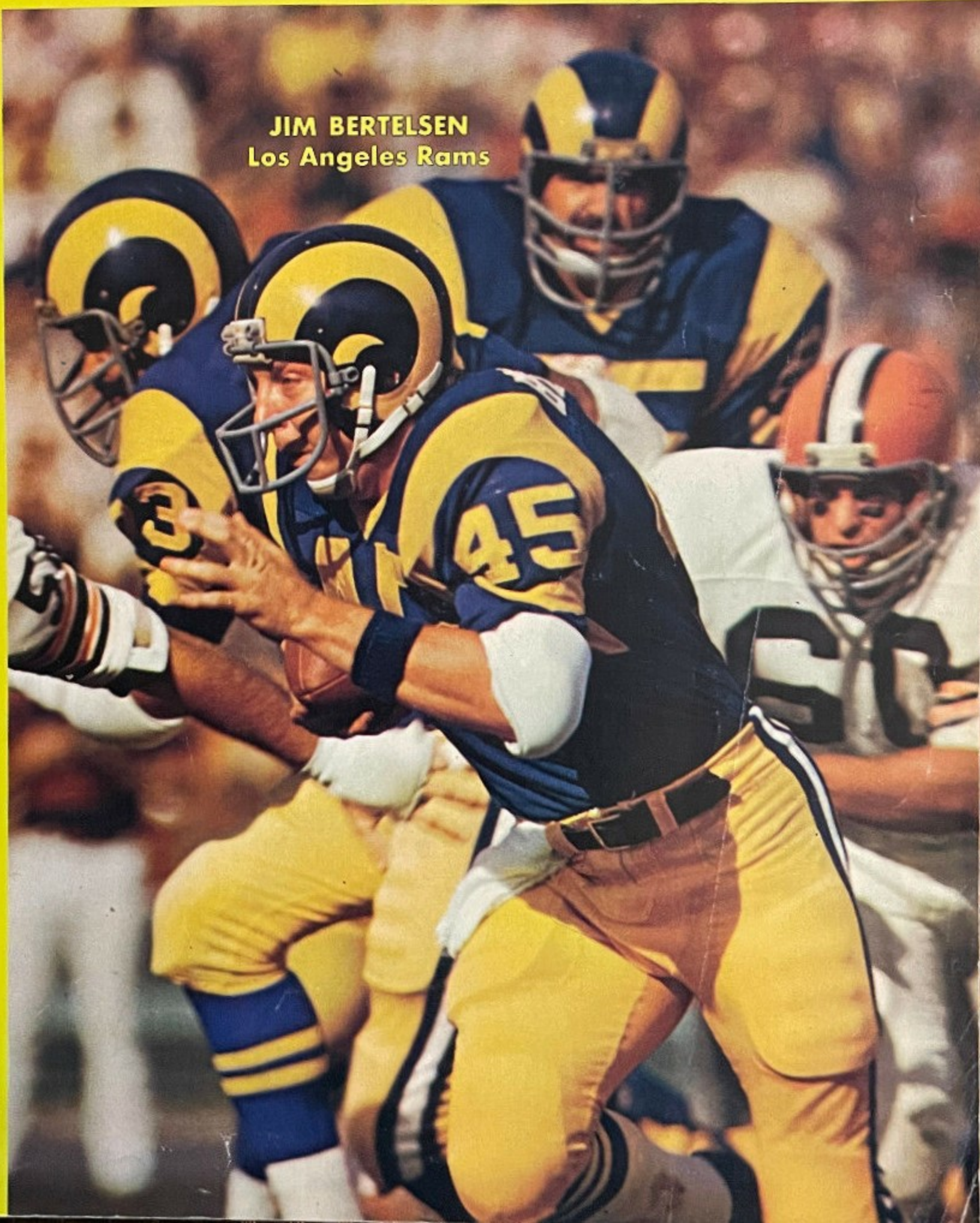
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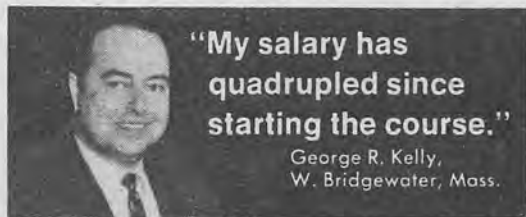
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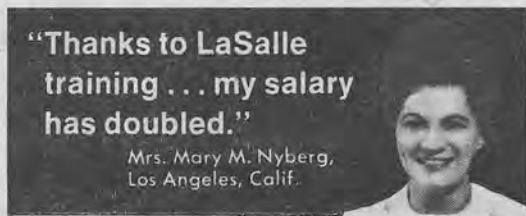
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At Miami, Dec. 30, 1973

OAKLAND	0	0	10	0-10
MIAMI	7	7	3	10-27

SCORING**FIRST QUARTER**

Miami—Csonka, 11-yard run, Yepremian kick.

SECOND QUARTER

Miami—Csonka, 2-yard run, Yepremian kick.

THIRD QUARTEROakland—Blanda, 21-yard field goal.
Miami—Yepremian, 42-yard field goal.
Oakland—Siani, 25-yard pass from Stabler, Blanda kick.**FOURTH QUARTER**

Miami—Yepremian, 26-yard field goal. Csonka, 2-yard run, Yepremian kick.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Oakland Rushing—Hubbard, 10 for 54 yards; C. Smith, 10 for 35; Davis, 4 for 15; Banaszak, 2 for 3.

Miami Rushing—Csonka, 29 for 117 yards; Morris, 14 for 86; Griese, 3 for 39; Klicik, 6 for 12; Nottingham, 1 for 12.

Oakland Passing—Stabler, 15 of 23 for 129 yards (one intercepted).

Miami Passing—Griese, 3 of 6 for 34 yards.

Oakland Receptions—Smith, 5 for 43 yards; Siani, 3 for 45; Biletnikoff, 2 for 11; Moore, 2 for 9; Davis, 1 for 6.

Miami Receptions—Warfield, 1 for 27 yards; Briscoe, 1 for 6; Klicik, 1 for 1.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Oakland	Miami
First downs	15	21
Rushes-Yardage	26-107	53-256
Passing yards	129	26
Return yards	89	129
Passes	15-23-1	3-6-1
Punts	2-51.0	1-39.0
Fumbles—Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yardage	3-35	3-26

ATTENDANCE—75,105

OFFICIALS—Referee, Tommy Bell; Umpire, Paul Terpinski; Line Judge, Bruce Alford; Linesman, Ed Marion; Back Judge, Ray Douglas; Field Judge, Bob Wortman.

SUPER BOWL VIII

At Houston, Jan. 13, 1974

MIAMI	14	3	7	0-24
MINNESOTA	0	0	0	7-7

SCORING**FIRST QUARTER**

Miami—Csonka, 5-yard run, Yepremian kick. Klicik, 1-yard run, Yepremian kick.

SECOND QUARTER

Miami—Yepremian, 28-yard field goal.

THIRD QUARTER

Miami—Csonka, 2-yard run, Yepremian kick.

FOURTH QUARTER

Minnesota—Tarkenton, 4-yard run, Cox kick.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Miami Rushing—33 for 145 yards; Morris 11 for 34; Klicik, 7 for 10; Griese, 2 for 7.

Minnesota Rushing—Reed, 11 for 32 yards; Foreman, 7 for 18; Tarkenton, 4 for 17; Marinaro, 1 for 3; Brown, 1 for 2.

Miami Passing—Griese, 6 of 7 for 73 yards. Minnesota Passing—Tarkenton, 18 of 28 for 182 yards (one intercepted).

Miami Receptions—Warfield, 2 for 33 yards; Mandich, 2 for 21; Briscoe, 2 for 19.

Minnesota Receptions—Voight, 3 for 46 yards; Gilliam, 4 for 44; Marinaro, 2 for 39; Foreman, 5 for 27; Brown, 1 for 9; Lash, 1 for 9; Kingsriter, 1 for 9; Reed, 1 for minus 1.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Minnesota	Miami
First downs	14	21
Rushes-Yardage	24-72	53-196
Passing yardage	166	63
Return yardage	0	30
Passes	18-28-1	6-7-0
Punts	5-42.2	3-39.6
Fumbles—Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yardage	7-65	1-4

ATTENDANCE—68,142

OFFICIALS—Referee, Ben Dreith; Umpire, Ralph Morcroft; Line Judge, Jack Fette; Linesman, Leo Miles; Back Judge, Stan Javie; Field Judge, Fritz Graf.

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

At Irving, Tex., Dec. 30, 1973

MINNESOTA	3	7	7	10-27
DALLAS	0	0	10	0-10

SCORING**FIRST QUARTER**

Minnesota—Cox, 44-yard field goal.

SECOND QUARTER

Minnesota—Foreman, 5-yard run, Cox kick.

THIRD QUARTERDallas—Richards, 63-yard run, Fritsch kick.
Minnesota—Gilliam, 54-yard pass from Tarkenton, Cox kick.
Dallas—Fritsch, 17-yard field goal.**FOURTH QUARTER**

Minnesota—Bryant, 63-yard interception return, Cox kick. Cox, 34-yard field goal.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Minnesota Rushing—Foreman, 19 for 76 yards; Reed, 18 for 75; Osborn, 4 for 27.

Dallas Rushing—Newhouse, 14 for 50 yards; Staubach, 5 for 30; Garrison, 5 for 9.

Minnesota Passing—Tarkenton, 10 of 21 for 133 yards (one intercepted).

Dallas, Passing—Staubach, 10 of 21 for 89 yards (four intercepted).

Minnesota Receptions—Foreman, 4 for 28 yards; Gilliam, 2 for 63; Voight, 2 for 23; Reed, 1 for 8; Lash, 1 for 11.

Dallas Receptions—Hayes, 2 for 25 yards; Pearson, 2 for 24; DuPree, 1 for 20; Montgomery, 1 for 15; Garrison, 1 for 10; Fugett, 1 for minus 1; Newhouse, 1 for minus 4.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Minnesota	Dallas
First downs	20	9
Rushes-Yardage	47-203	25-90
Passing yards	103	63
Return yards	73	64
Passes	10-21-1	10-21-4
Punts	3-43	4-40
Fumbles—Lost	4-3	2-2
Penalties-Yardage	3-33	2-20

ATTENDANCE—50,272

OFFICIALS—Referee, Norm Schacter; Umpire, Lou Palazzi; Line Judge, Art Holst; Linesman, Tony Veteri; Back Judge, Tom Kelleher; Field Judge, Tony Skover.
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By **BOB OATES**

One difference between the National Football League and the World Football League is summed up in the change that will come over John Gilliam, financially, in the next 24 months.

Now working on a salary of \$65,000 annually at Minnesota—less 10 per cent because this is his option year—John has accepted a raise to nearly \$200,000 a year for the seasons of 1975-6-7 in Hawaii.

John who?

Gilliam, they said.

Hardly a household name. You could walk the streets of New York, Chicago or Los Angeles for a year and maybe not meet anybody who knows who John Gilliam is. But he's in the money now.

The most interesting thing about him is what he said about his new contract:

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"I also get transportation to Hawaii and trips for my family. The whole package is worth about \$580,000.

So the WFL's Hawaii franchise is spending a half million for one receiver, who will be 30 when he gets there, on the down side of his career.

There is some publicity value, maybe, in paying Larry Csonka \$1 million a year—although the season tickets he sells for the WFL in his second season will depend on how he runs the first season.

But a half million for John Gilliam? Can you build a sound, viable league that way? Is the



JOHN GILLIAM, on his way, above, is also on way to half million bucks.



GARY L. DAVIDSON, president of WFL, attends the first collegiate draft.



VITO (Babe) PARILLI, center, NY Stars coach at WFL draft, is flanked by general manager DUSTY RHODES and club president HOWARD BALDWIN.

WFL trying to build a sound league—or does it have something else in mind, like a merger with the established league?

For awhile there will be no adequate answers to such questions. There is no law against a policy designed to make mergers inevitable. And there's no law against organizing any kind of league you want.

It can, however, be said that the WFL's way doesn't look like the most logical way to build a sound league.

If the goal of a WFL owner is a harmonious, cohesive team, one of the hard ways to get it in football is with a squad divided into first and second-class citizens. The average WFL team is shaping up like that: with 30 or more players who can't make it in the NFL plus a half dozen of the NFL's finest. There is no middle class between the low-salaried majority and the half-dozen millionaires.

Those in the low-salaried majority will at first praise the millionaires and the WFL owners, without whom they would have no jobs in football, but the situation is unhealthy, and can be expected to deteriorate.

In retrospect the American Football League was a more mature builder, laying the foundation first over a period of years, then raiding the NFL to force a merger.

The WFL's way does not seem

designed for permanence. For one thing most of the jumpers are in one age group, circa 30. The average jumper obviously thinks of himself as a guy with only a few years left making a quick big stake, a going-away present for himself and his family. Almost without exception they say they're doing this for their families.

At 30 a man's family is very much on his mind.

In five years most of the millionaires will be gone, and, in the meantime, their new owners are showing little interest in draft choices. The NFL signed most of its No. 1 choices this year. So who's to replace the millionaires? If there are two dozen players in the Memphis franchise who couldn't make it in the NFL this season, will they be transformed into tigers by association with Csonka next season?

Maybe.

There remains a chance that the WFL truly hopes to develop a sound, permanent league, and if so, it will be welcome. There are plenty of fans for another pro football league if it's a competitive quality league.

The WFL's decision to play Wednesdays and Thursdays will be well received if the games are competitive and well done.

Football is now played Friday night, Saturday, Sunday and Monday night in this country, but because the teams and situa-

WFL DIRECTORY

BIRMINGHAM AMERICANS

Owner: Bill Putnam; President: Carol Stallworth; General Manager: Jack Gotta; Head Coach: Jack Gotta.
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CHICAGO FIRE

Owner: Tom Origer; Ex. VP Al Lange; Head Coach: Jim Spavital; Player Personnel: Bill Byrne. Key Signees: Virgil Carter (QB Chicago, Cinc. 5 yrs.), Jim Seymour (WR Chicago 3 yrs.), Mark Kellar (RB rookie No. Illinois), Chuck Ramsey (P rookie Wake Forest).
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DETROIT WHEELS

Owner: 34-Man Group; President: Louis Lee; General Manager: Everett (Sonny) Grandelius; Head Coach: Dan Boisture.
Key Signees: Warren McVea (RB Cinc., Kansas City 5 yrs.), Bubba Wyche (QB CFL Saskatchewan 4 yrs.), Peil Pennington (QB rookie Mass.), Jon Henderson (WR Pittsburgh 2 yrs.).
Number Signed: 112

THE HAWAIIANS

Owner: Sam Battistone; Chris Hammer; General Manager: Danny Rogers; Head Coach: Mike Giddings.
Key Signees: Calvin Hill (future '75, RB Dallas 5 yrs.), Ted Kwalick (future '75, TE S.F. 5 yrs.), Randy Johnson (future '75, QB N.Y. Giants, Atl. 8 yrs.), Norris Weese (QB rookie Mississippi), Ed Flanagan (future '75, C. Det. 9 yrs.), John Wilbur (future '75 OG K.C. Dallas, L.A., Wash., 9 yrs.).
Number Signed: 112

HOUSTON TEXANS

Owner: Steve Arnold; Administrative V.P.: Chuck Rohe; Head Coach: Jim Garrett.
Key Signees: Craig Morton (future '75, QB Dallas 9 yrs.), Karl Sweetan (QB Detroit, L.A., New Orleans 5 yrs.), Hoyle Granger (RB Houston 6 yrs.), Richmond Flowers (future '75 DB Dallas, Wash., NYG 5 yrs.).
Number Signed: 75

JACKSONVILLE SHARKS

Owner: Francis Monaco; Ex. VP Danny Bridges; Head Coach: Bud Asher; Player Personnel: Lewis (Bugsy) Engelberg.
Key Signees: Mike Townsend (DB rookie Notre Dame), John Stofa (QB Miami 6 yrs.), Alvin Wyatt (DB Buffalo 4 yrs.), Jerry Smith (future '75 RB L.A., 5 yrs.), Chip Glass, (future '75 Cleve. 5 yrs.).
Number Signed: 105

NEW YORK STARS

Owner: Robert Schmertz; President: Howard Baldwin; Head Coach: Vito (Babe) Parilli; Director of Player Personnel: Tom Beer.
Key Signees: John Elliott (DT N.Y. Jets 7 yrs.), George Sauer (WR N.Y. Jets 6 yrs.), Don Gault (QB Cleve. 1 yr., CFL Edmonton 1 yr.), Matt Herkenoff (OT rookie Minnesota), Gerry Philbin (DE, Jets, 9 yrs., Phila. 1 yr.).
Number Signed: 90

PHILADELPHIA BELL

Owner: Jack Kelly, Jr.; General Manager: Ron Waller; Head Coach: Ron Waller; Director of Player Personnel: Hugh Wyatt.
Key Signees: Steve Chomyszak (future '75, N.Y. Jets, Cinc. 7 yrs.), Rudy Sims (DE CFL Ottawa 3 yrs.), Ron Holliday (WR San Diego 1 yr., CFL Montreal 1 yr.).
Number Signed: 90

PORTLAND STORM

Owner: Bruce Gelker; General Manager: Ron Mix; Head Coach: Dick Coury; Director of Player Personnel: Don Paul.
Key Signees: Greg Barton (QB Detroit 1 yr., CFL Toronto 2 yrs.), Gail Cogdill (WR Detroit 9 yrs.), Carlos Bell (TE New Orleans 3 yrs.), Tom Drougas (future '76, OT Balt. 3 yrs.).
Number Signed: 35

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUN

Owner: Larry Hatfield; General Manager: Curly Morrison; Head Coach: Tom Fears; Director of Player Personnel: Gerry Okuneff.
Key Signees: James McAllister (RB rookie UCLA), Kermit Johnson (RB rookie UCLA), Booker Brown (OG rookie USC), Daryl LaMonica (QB Oakland '75), Marlin McKeever (LB Philadelphia '74), Curley Culp (future '75 DT K.C. 6 yrs.).
Number Signed: 136

MEMPHIS SOUTHMEN

Owner: John Bassett, Jr.; General Manager: Leo Cahill; Head Coach: John McVay.
Key Signees: Larry Csonka (future '75, RB Miami 6 yrs.), Jim Klick (future '75, RB Miami 6 yrs.), Paul Warfield (future '75, WR Cleve., Miami 10 yrs.), John Huarte (QB N.Y.J., Boston, Phila., K.C., Chicago 7 yrs.), Danny White (QB rookie Arizona State).
Number Signed: 120

FLORIDA BLAZERS

Rommie Loudd, Managing General partner; General Manager: Jack Pardee; Head Coach: Jack Pardee; Director of Player Personnel: DeWayne Jeter.
Key Signees: Bob Davis (QB N.Y. Jets, New Orleans 4 yrs.), Gary Collins (WR Cleveland 10 yrs.), Rickie Harris (DB Wash., New England 7 yrs.), Paul Veliano (OT rookie Maryland), Bill Bergey (LB Cincinnati '76).
Number Signed: 74



KEN STABLER, Oakland QB, center, announces his signing with Birmingham Americans as owner BILL PUTNAM, left, and Stabler's wife Debbie, look on.



NORRIS WEESE (16) with Ole Miss in 1973, is Hawaiians' rookie QB, and RICHMOND FLOWERS of Giants was traded to Houston.

WORLD FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1974 SCHEDULE

* DAY GAME

T—TV (others scheduled after Aug. 29)

JULY		
10—Portland at Philadelphia	11—Hawaii at Houston	
Hawaii at Florida	SoCal at Chicago	
SoCal at Birmingham	Detroit at Florida	
Houston at Chicago	Jacksonville at Philadelphia	
Detroit at Memphis	New York at Portland	
11—New York at Jacksonville T	Birmingham at Memphis	
17—Jacksonville at Chicago	15—New York at Hawaii *	
Hawaii at SoCal	18—Portland at Jacksonville	
Birmingham at New York	Houston at Birmingham	
Florida at Detroit	Detroit at SoCal	
Philadelphia at Houston	Memphis at Chicago	
18—Portland at Memphis T	Philadelphia at Florida	
21—Detroit at Hawaii *	22—Philadelphia at Hawaii *	
24—SoCal at Jacksonville	25—Detroit at New York	
Houston at Florida	Chicago at Florida	
Chicago at Portland	Birmingham at Portland	
Memphis at Birmingham	Jacksonville at SoCal	
25—New York at Philadelphia T	29—Birmingham at Hawaii *	
28—Chicago at Hawaii *	OCT.	
31—Birmingham at Detroit	2—SoCal at Portland	
Florida at Houston	Houston at Detroit	
Philadelphia at Portland	Florida at Philadelphia	
Jacksonville at New York	Jacksonville at Memphis	
AUG.	New York at Chicago	
1—SoCal at Memphis T	9—Portland at Birmingham	
7—Houston at Portland	Hawaii at Philadelphia	
Detroit at Birmingham	Houston at SoCal	
Memphis at Philadelphia	Detroit at Chicago	
Florida at Chicago	Memphis at New York	
New York at SoCal	Florida at Jacksonville	
8—Hawaii at Jacksonville T	16—Hawaii at Detroit	
14—Portland at New York	Houston at Philadelphia	
Hawaii at Birmingham	Chicago at New York	
Memphis at Detroit	Birmingham at SoCal	
Philadelphia at Chicago	Florida at Memphis	
Jacksonville at Florida	Jacksonville at Portland	
15—SoCal at Houston T	23—Hawaii at Chicago	
21—Portland at Florida	Detroit at Houston	
Hawaii at Memphis	Memphis at Portland	
SoCal at Philadelphia	Philadelphia at SoCal	
Houston at New York	Jacksonville at Birmingham	
Birmingham at Jacksonville	New York at Florida	
22—Chicago at Detroit T	27—Memphis at Hawaii *	
25—Jacksonville at Hawaii *	30—Portland at Houston	
28—Portland at SoCal	SoCal at New York	
Detroit at Philadelphia	Detroit at Jacksonville	
Memphis at Florida	Chicago at Philadelphia	
New York at Houston	Birmingham at Florida	
29—Birmingham at Chicago T	NOV.	
SEPT.	3—SoCal at Hawaii *	
1—Houston at Hawaii *	6—Chicago at Memphis	
2—Portland at Detroit	Florida at Portland	
Chicago at SoCal	Philadelphia at Birmingham	
Memphis at Jacksonville	Jacksonville at Houston	
Florida at Birmingham	New York at Detroit	
Philadelphia at New York	10—Portland at Hawaii *	
6—Hawaii at Houston	13—Chicago at Jacksonville	
SoCal at Detroit	Birmingham at Houston	
Houston at Memphis	Florida at SoCal	
Florida at New York	Philadelphia at Detroit	
Philadelphia at Jacksonville	New York at Memphis	
7—Chicago at Birmingham		

tions are different each time—high school Friday, college Saturday, pros Sunday and the Howard Cosell show Monday night—it doesn't seem like too much. Nor will it seem like too much if you add the right kind of football Wednesday and Thursday.

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It is the getting started that's tough. And the indicators aren't encouraging that the WFL is getting the right start. For one thing expenses will be enormous for a league with mostly small stadiums stretching from the East Coast to Honolulu; nor will television revenue be a major contributor this year, providing only \$1 million for the entire WFL, by comparison with the NFL's \$2.1 million for *each* of 26 established clubs.

But the most discouraging thing about the new league is the way it's spending the funds available. Discouraging, that is, to the public—to the fans who would welcome 12 good new pro clubs, but not, of course, disheartening to those jumping.

The jumps will be made, most of them, next year and subsequently. Only a few NFL play-

ers are crossing over this season. And so unlike most years in most leagues, this year in the WFL will not be a preview of the future. Very strangely, the favorites this year will not be favored next year.

For example in the Western Division (Hawaii, Portland, Houston, California) the team to beat this season is the California Sun. But in 1975, regardless of who wins this fall, Hawaii will be favored.

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The three are UCLA running backs James McAlister and Kermit Johnson and USC offensive

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Packers and Raiders
11. SUPER BOWL 69
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Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami	12	2	0	.857
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643
New England	5	9	0	.357
Baltimore	4	10	0	.286
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Oakland	9	4	1	.679
Denver	7	5	2	.571
Kansas City	7	5	2	.571
San Diego	2	11	1	.179

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Cincinnati	10	4	0	.714
*Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714
Cleveland	7	5	2	.571
Houston	1	13	0	.071

*Fourth Qualifier for Playoffs

Playoff

	W	L	T	Pct.
Cincinnati	3	13	0	0-16
Miami	14	7	10	3-34
Pittsburgh	0	7	0	7-14
Oakland	7	3	13	10-33



By Larry Felsner

Pro grid scribe Larry Felsner of Buffalo Evening News is expert analyst of pro scene.

MIAMI IN EAST OAKLAND IN WEST BUT PITTSBURGH ALL THE WAY TO THE BOWL

PREDICTIONS

Eastern Division

1. Miami
2. Buffalo
3. Baltimore
4. New England
5. New York Jets

Central Division

1. Pittsburgh
2. Cincinnati
3. Cleveland
4. Houston

Western Division

1. Oakland
2. Denver
3. Kansas City
4. San Diego

It may have been wishful thinking, but when Earl Edwards, Buffalo's big defensive end, heard the news of that fateful Sunday

afternoon in March when the then Toronto Northmen of the new World Football League signed a sizable chunk of Miami's offense,

he uttered a memorable quote.

"This," said Earl, "could be the last days of Pompeii."

Just what affect the WFL's raiding of American Conference powers will have on the AFC pennant races remains to be seen. From here it would seem to be considerable.

This will be a lame-duck year for Larry Csonka, Paul Warfield and Jim Kiick in Miami. Both of



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PASSING GAME

- Eliminate roll blocking and cutting of wide receivers. An eligible receiver, other than anyone lined up as tight end, cannot be blocked below the waist. Penalty: Five yards and first down.
- Restrict extent of downfield contact (bump-and-run) defender is permitted to have with eligible receivers on pass play only. Beyond three yards downfield, defender may hit a receiver only once. Penalty: Five yards and first down.

PENALTY CHANGE

- Penalty for offensive holding, illegal use of hands and tripping reduced from 15 yards to 10 yards, when infraction occurs in area of line of scrimmage and three yards beyond.

BLOCKING CHANGE

- Wide receivers blocking back toward the ball (crackback block) within three yards of line of scrimmage cannot block below the waist. Penalty: 15 yards.

LARRY CSONKA was named as Super Man of the Year by Pro Football Writers Assn. for powering Miami Dolphins to second straight championship.

American Conference



O.J. SIMPSON of Buffalo became first 2,000-yard rusher against New York Jets December 16 at Shea Stadium.

Oakland's veteran quarterbacks, Ken Stabler and Daryle Lamonica, signed for future delivery. Cincinnati, the Central Division champion, was so upset over Norfolk of the WFL signing its middle linebacker, Bill Bergey, to a future pact, that it went to court over the issue.

Miami appears to be in a weakened position. The Dolphins probably have lost a lot of hunger after three straight trips to the Super Bowl, the last two winning ventures. A half hour after the one-sided victory over Minnesota in Houston last January most of the Dolphins were talking about

holding out for more money or playing for different teams this year. President Joe Robbie and Coach Don Shula almost squared off at the annual Dolphin awards banquet and there is not much togetherness there.

The Bengals making a federal case out of Bergey's signing may cause more problems than it solves. It didn't help any when it was revealed in the court proceedings that Paul Brown had serious discussions with the Philadelphia Eagles about trading for Bergey two months before he went the WFL way.

Oakland, even though touched

for Stabler and Lamonica, may be hurt least. The quarterbacks defection may cause disharmony, but then squabbling is a way of life with the Raiders.

Oakland is the club which came closest to unseating the Dolphins last year, even though it wasn't THAT close, but the selection here to make it all the way to New Orleans for the Super Bowl is Pittsburgh. Little Abner, in shoulder pads, quarterback Terry Bradshaw, should be about ready to make all the predictions of five years ago come true. If he does he can pass most secondaries right out of the park.

It would be an ideal time for the Pittsburgh club to have Bradshaw reach maturity, since the liberalized passing rules should make it a lot easier for his skilled receivers to roam in the zones.

The wild-card playoff position will go to the Buffalo Bills, who have an easier schedule than the Bengals. The Bills won't make it purely on their schedule, however. They should have a much more potent passing game to complement O. J. Simpson.

There are only two new coaches in the AFC this year, both with formidable challenges ahead of them. Tommy Prothro inherits the bedraggled San Diego Chargers, who have lost their way on offense, suffer from a severe quarterback problem and are scarred by a messy drug scandal. Charlie Winner, after a year of on-the-job training as defensive co-ordinator, takes over the New York Jets. The Jets have sizable holes on defense, have trouble protecting Joe Namath and are weighted down by morale problems.

The year's darkhorse teams are Buffalo and Denver, both of whom made bids for the playoffs last year. The Kansas City Chiefs and Cleveland Browns are teams on the decline.

Simpson was what happened in pro football last year, crunching Jim Brown's decade-old rushing record with the most potent open-field running ever seen in pro football. Simpson ran for 100 yards or more 11 times, 200 yards or more three times as he cruised through opponents of all shades for an incredible 2003 yards.

Since the new rules diluted the crack-back block, forcing wide receiver to hit their defensive quarries above the waist only, it could hamper O.J.'s chances of getting outside on enemy defenses this year. The crack-back was an integral part of Buffalo's ground game.

The Super Bowl, which will be played in New Orleans (in the new Superdome, provided it is completed by then), could be a matchup of the Steelers vs. the Dallas Cowboys. If that happens, look for the Cowboys to end the AFC's two-year hold on the



JOHN WALTHER of Miami Herald won Pro Football Hall of Fame award for photos of Dolphin coaches SHULA and ARNSPARGER after Super Bowl game.



World championship.

For the second year in a row, the College All-Star team was quarterbacked by two AFC rookies, David Jaynes of Kansas City and Jesse Freitas of San Diego State.

San Diego, with fullback Bo Matthews, linebacker Don Goode and guard Mark Markovitch, and Baltimore with defensive linemen Joe Dutton and Fred Cook and wide receiver Roger Carr, are the AFC teams depending most heavily on rookies.

Some of the year's individual honors and championships could be sorted out this way at the end of the '74 season:

Most valuable player—Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh quarterback.

Defensive player of the year—Jack Tatum, Oakland free safety.

Rookie of the year on offense—Woody Green, Kansas City running back.

Rookie of the year on defense—Carl Barzilauskas, New York Jet defensive tackle.

Coach of the year—Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh.

Rushing champion—O. J. Simpson, Buffalo running back.

Passing champion—Bradshaw.

Pass-receiving champion—Haven Moses, Denver wide receiver.

Scoring champion—Jim Turner, Denver.

The All-AFC team could look like this:

OFFENSE: Quarterback—Bradshaw; running backs—Simpson and Jim Braxton, Buffalo; wide receivers—Fred Biletnikoff, Oakland, and Paul Warfield, Miami; tackles—Vernon Holland, Cincinnati, and Art Shell, Oakland; guards—Reggie McKenzie, Buffalo, and Bob Kuechenberg, Miami; center—Jim Langer, Miami; tight end—Riley Odoms, Denver; place kicker—Jim Turner, Denver.

DEFENSE: Ends—Bill Stanfill, Miami, and Earl Edwards, Buffalo; tackles—Joe Greene, Pittsburgh, and Paul Smith, Denver; Middle linebacker—Willie Lanier, Kansas City; outside linebackers—Jack Ham, Pittsburgh, and Ted Hendricks, Baltimore; corner backs—Clarence Scott, Cleveland, and Lemar Parrish, Cincinnati; free safety, Jack Tatum, Oakland, strong safety—Dick Anderson, Miami; punter—Ray Guy, Oakland.

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By TERRY P. SHOWN

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

The voice on the telephone was assured and enthusiastic. "This weekend I like the New York Giants over Atlanta in the pros," it said. "I give only five or six top pro-picks a season, and the Giants over Atlanta is one of them. It's a five-star special."

The voice belongs to Huey, co-proprietor of Huey's Enterprises, of Fort Lee, N.J. The Giants are the team that he and his partner, Mike, think are most likely to beat the bookmakers' point spreads in football games this weekend. For such options, the partners' 160 customers pay an average of about \$50 a week during the football season. "It's a nice living," says the 29-year-old Huey.

Huey's lucrative three-year-old business is what's called a sports information service, or "tip sheet." People who know about such things say that there are about 300 of them around the country. Most have been formed in the last five years to capitalize on the growing propensity of Americans to wager on the outcome of college and pro football games and a lesser extent, basketball.

Indeed, those who have made a go of the tip sheet business admit that they know their choices more on hard work than on knowing secrets. Huey, who made a gambling line for a sports newspaper before striking out on his own (Mike handles the business end), says he "occasionally" gets useful tidbits from college students he knows ("like whether the quarterback is getting along with his girl") and from a lawyer friend who represents several pro athletes. Customers who follow teams in their own areas closely also are helpful from time to time, he adds.

"But that's just a small part of it," he says. "First off, I subscribe to about 60 newspapers from big cities all around the country. I read everything on football I can get my hands on. On Mondays, I get the official point spread and read it carefully. I block out mentally a 10 or 12 games I think are playable. Then I go over everything again and again until I get down to games that seem the best to play. I instinct have a lot to do with it. You've got to have the feel."

Some Free Advice

On the Giants-Falcons game this Sunday at Atlanta, Huey "feels" that the Giants are an "underrated team with one of the roughest schedules" in professional football. "If everyone is healthy, the Giants will beat Atlanta—which is a seven-point favorite," he says. "I think the top line on the game should be only three points, giving Atlanta the home-field advantage. Atlanta has lost Tommy White, their star middle-linebacker, for the rest of the year. The Giants have running backs Ron Johnson and Tucker Frederickson possibly returning after injuries, and Fran Tarkenton likes to beat his old coach Norm Van Brocklin. I feel strongly about this one."

Huey says that since he set up shop in 1968, he has picked 62 winners in 79 games. But that doesn't mean that all his customers are happy, he quickly adds. "To hear some of those guys tell it, they only bet on my losers."



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PREDICTION 1ST

One of the great misconceptions about the Miami Dolphins is that they control the ball on you all the time. You just don't get to see it. They have it all the time.

Not true.

Would it surprise you to know that the Dolphins ranked dead last in number of plays last year, their second straight as World champions? Would it shock you to know that their opponents used 100 more plays than the Fish?

It shouldn't shock you. Not if you analyze their style.

What the Dolphins do is dominate the ball in the beginning of the game. They score. Then maybe they'll score again.

THEN you get the ball. They'll let you keep it for a long while, too. As long as you don't get into the end zone. You want to complete a short pass? Be their guest. How about a couple of three or four-yard plunges? Wear 'em in good health.

Operate from your goal line to their goal line, running up the yardage, fattening the completion percentage. But when you get down there close, expect to be disappointed. The statistic the Dolphins are most concerned about is right up there on the scoreboard.

If that type of football frustrates you, bores you, demoralizes you then be prepared for bad times.

The word "dynasty" would be in heavy use these days in Miami except for one thing. That one thing is the World Football League, which exploded on the sports scene last March when it made a Sunday afternoon announcement that super fullback Larry Csonka, super receiver Paul Warfield and super sub Jim

Kiick of the Dolphins all had signed with the Toronto Northmen.

Their delivery date is 1975. What effect that will have on the '74 Dolphins remains to be seen.

Csonka appeared to be nearly unstoppable in the Super Bowl against Minnesota, but whether he can continue that sort of thing while a \$1 million-plus lingers on his mind can't be taken as a matter of course.

Kiick's feelings were bruised when Coach Don Shula elected to play him behind Mercury Morris most of the time. Last year only a late-season shoulder injury kept Mercury from his second consecutive 1000-yard season. Presumably Shula will play him more than ever in '74, since Kiick's feelings are far less a concern to the coach now.

But no matter who plays, expect the Dolphins to come at

everyone as they have for the last four years of the Shula era: Cautiously, methodically, flawlessly. Then, when their points are on the board, expect them to play a containing defense: bend, but don't break.

Kiick was unhappy from start to finish. He didn't like anyone playing ahead of him, even a Mercury Morris, and he asked to be traded. But when the Dolphins needed some tough yardage or someone to make a third-down catch, more often than not Shula gave the assignment to Kiick.

If Jim is insistent about leaving, the Dolphins will be dented harder than people realize.

Some day Miami may be forced to open up, to have Bob Griese throw a lot of passes. If that happens, the enemy may yearn for the days when the Dolphins played it conservatively. In

VERN DEN HERDER, 6-6, 252, shows why he's All Pro defensive end.



the Oakland game Griese chose to pass only a half dozen times. Keeping the figure below 10 in the big games is not rare for Bob.

But when he strikes, he is deadly.

His ability to scramble out of trouble can tear apart a defense, too. He did it 14 times last year, and most of those excursions either pulled Miami out of trouble or put the opposition into it.

The chances for a deadlier passing game increase as Jim Mandich gets to play tight end more often. Mandich was another unhappy player, threatening to play out his option because veteran Marv Fleming, a better blocker, was starting. But Shula started Mandich in the Super Bowl, an indication that Mad Dog is a major figure in future plans. He's a dependable big-play catcher.

The heart of the Dolphin attack is the offensive line.

Jim Langer is now widely regarded as the el primo center in the game. Larry Little was becoming an automatic selection as an all-pro guard, until his teammates, Bob Kuechenberg, proved he is every bit as good. Kuechenberg might have been the best man on the field in the Super Bowl game.

Wayne Moore, brought along slowly by the Dolphin brass the

BOB GRIESE doesn't pass often but when he does it usually is a strike.



MERCURY MORRIS, fleet sixth year pro, fell short of second straight 1000-yard season because of shoulder injury suffered late in campaign.

last few years, made the Pro Bowl off his '73 play. The ex Lamar Tech basketball player is strong, quick, huge and agile. Norm Evans is the prototype of the hard-working plugger on the other side.

Doug Crusan was a one-time starter at tackle. Seasoned Irv Goode can play guard or tackle. Young Ed Newman earned his spurs as a special teams ace. Now he's looked upon as a corner at guard. Journeyman Willie Young also is available.

With Csonka and Kiick departing after this season their understudies are in for a lot of development. Look for rookie Ben Malone of Arizona State to get long auditions from Shula. Squatty Don Nottingham also may turn out to be a major figure.

Marlin Briscoe had his best season as a Dolphin, playing the wide receiver opposite Warfield. He caught three more passes

than Paul. But, of course, 11 of Warfield's 27 catches were for touchdowns.

Howard Twilley, who started ahead of Briscoe in '72, the often-injured Ron Sellers and young Bo Rather are the reserves.

No matter which receivers seem to be playing, Griese seems to make maximum use of them. He may be the reigning quarterback in the game today. Earl Morrall will be back for another rocking-chair season as his insurance policy. Don Strock, who spent last season on the taxi squad, will get an accelerated course this year.

The Miami defense is just sterling. The principal reason for most of that constant winning.

For consistency and effectiveness it's hard to think of two better young ends than Bill Stanfill and Vern den Herder. Stanfill came through with his biggest



season yet. Manny Fernandez still plays tackle in spectacular fashion. Bob Heinz is a solid fourth.

Of course when the Dolphins get their lead on you, as they almost always do, in comes Bob Matheson to play the 53 defense, in which he functions as either end or linebacker.

The top draft pick was Donald Reese, the big Jackson State defensive tackle. He'll probably be heard from in another year. Larry Woods and huge Maully Moore also are around for insurance purposes.

Buoniconiti remains one of the finest linebackers around. Butkus may hit harder, Lanier may cover more ground, but no one does as many things as well as Nick.

Doug Swift and Mike Kolen have become stalwarts alongside Nick. Kolen made big play after big play last season and for several years has been acknowledged as one of the really dependable parts of the Dolphin zone. Swift, a heavy hitter, is a tightly disciplined defender who seldom gets caught out of position.

Bruce Bannon, who got the quick look and a thumb with the Jets after an All-America career at Penn State, was cultivated by

the Dolphins after signing with them as a free agent. Shula recognized that Bruce was making the switch from defensive end and had some patience. He had a fantastic game against Detroit in the regular-season finale, convincing the Miami brass that he has the stuff to succeed Buoniconiti. Larry Ball and Jess Powell are other experienced subs.

The safeties are the best in football, strong sider Dick Anderson and free sider Jake Scott. Jake's worth was underlined by the management's rush to sign him after the WFL bid. Charlie Babb backs up both.

Corners Tim Foley and Curtis Johnson have a backup who plays right up to their standards, Lloyd Mumphord, and now many scouts feel the Dolphins came up with the best corner in the draft, Jeris White of Hawaii. Henry Stuckey is another corner with experience.

Garopremian had another sound year kicking field goals. He went 25 for 37. Punter Larry Seiple, also a backup tight end, averaged 42.3.

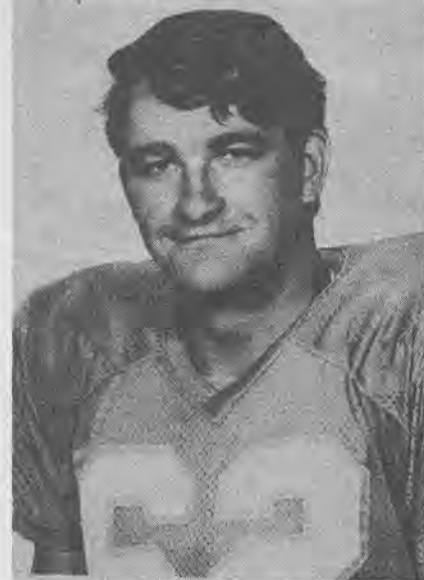
1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Yepremian, 113 points on 38 XP, 25 field goals 2nd	
RUSHING —Csonka, 219 carries for 1003 yds., 4.6 Avg., 5 TDs 2nd	
PASSING —Griese, 116 in 218 attempts for 1422 yds., 17 TDs 2nd	
RECEIVING —Briscoe, 30 receptions for 447 yds., 2 TDs 19th	
INTERCEPTIONS —Anderson, 8 for 163 yds., 20.4 Avg., 2 TDs 1st	
PUNTING —Seiple, 48 punts 42.3 Avg., longest 57 yds. 4th	
PUNT RETURNS —Scott, 22 for 266 yds., 12.1 Avg. 3rd	
KICKOFF RETURNS —Morris, 11 for 242 yds., 22.0 Avg. 19th	

Pre-Season Games

July 26	All-Stars, Chicago, Ill (N)
Aug. 3	AT Cincinnati (N)
10	NEW ORLEANS (N)
19	MINNESOTA (N)
24	AT Los Angeles (N)
31	GREEN BAY, 6PM
Sept. 7	AT Chicago (N)

1974 SCHEDULE	1973 Scores
Sept. 15 AT New England	30-14
22 AT Buffalo	17-0
29 AT San Diego	—
Oct. 7 N.Y. JETS (N)	31-3
13 AT Washington	—
20 KANSAS CITY	—
27 BALTIMORE	44-0
Nov. 3 ATLANTA	—
10 AT New Orleans	—
17 BUFFALO	27-6
24 AT N.Y. Jets	24-14
Dec. 2 CINCINNATI (N)	—
8 AT Baltimore	3-16
15 NEW ENGLAND	44-23



JIM LANGER, in his fifth season, is considered Number 1 center in NFL.

DOLPHINS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
40	Anderson, Dick	S	6-2	196	28	7	Colorado
49	Babb, Charles	S	6-0	190	24	3	Memphis St.
51	Ball, Larry	LB	6-6	235	25	3	Louisville
58	Bannon, Bruce	LB	6-3	225	23	2	Penn St.
86	Briscoe, Marlin	WR	5-11	175	28	7	Omaha
85	Buoniconiti, Nick	LB	5-11	220	33	13	Notre Dame
77	Crusan, Doug	T	6-4	250	28	7	Indiana
39	Csonka, Larry	RB	6-2	237	27	7	Syracuse
83	Den Herder, Vern	DE	6-6	252	25	4	Central, Iowa
73	Evans, Norm	T	6-5	250	31	10	TCU
75	Fernandez, M.	DT	6-2	250	28	7	Utah
80	Fleming, Marv	TE	6-4	230	32	12	Utah
25	Foley, Tim	CB	6-0	194	25	5	Purdue
55	Goode, Irv	C-G	6-5	262	33	12	Kentucky
12	Griese, Bob	QB	6-1	190	29	8	Purdue
72	Heinz, Bob	DT-DE	6-6	265	27	6	Pacific
28	Jenkins, Ed (a)	RB	6-2	210	24	2	Holy Cross
45	Johnson, Curtis	CB	6-1	196	26	5	Toledo
21	Klick, Jim	RB	5-11	214	28	7	Wyoming
54	Kindig, Howard (b)	C	6-6	252	33	9	Cal-Los A.
57	Kolen, Mike	LB	6-2	222	26	5	Auburn
67	Kuechenberg, Bob	G	6-2	252	26	5	Notre Dame
62	Langer, Jim	C	6-2	253	26	5	S. Dak. St.
23	Leigh, Charles	RB	5-11	206	28	6	None
66	Little, Larry	G	6-1	265	28	8	B.-Cookman
88	Mandich, Jim	TE	6-2	224	26	5	Michigan
53	Matheson, Bob	LB	6-4	235	29	8	Duke
65	Moore, Maully	DT	6-5	265	28	3	B.-Cookman
79	Moore, Wayne	T	6-6	265	28	5	Lamar Tech
15	Morrall, Earl	QB	6-2	210	40	19	Mich. St.
22	Morris, Mercury	RB	5-10	192	27	6	W. Tex. St.
26	Mumphord, Lloyd	CB	5-10	176	27	6	Tex. So'ern
64	Newman, Ed	G	6-2	245	23	2	Duke
36	Nottingham, Don	RB	5-10	210	25	4	Kent St.
56	Powell, Jesse	LB	6-2	222	27	6	W. Texas St.
82	Rather, Bo	WR	6-1	182	23	2	Michigan
13	Scott, Jake	S	6-0	188	29	5	Georgia
20	Seiple, Larry	P-TE	6-0	214	29	8	Kentucky
34	Sellers, Ron	WR	6-4	204	27	6	Florida St.
84	Stanfill, Bill	DE	6-5	252	27	6	Georgia
48	Stuckey, Henry	CB	6-1	180	25	2	Missouri
59	Swift, Doug	LB	6-3	226	26	5	Amherst
81	Twilley, Howard	WR	5-10	185	30	9	Tulsa
42	Warfield, Paul	WR	6-0	188	31	11	Ohio St.
70	Woods, Larry	DT	6-6	260	26	4	Tenn. St.
1	Yepremian, Garo	K	5-8	175	30	8	None
76	Young, Willie	T	6-5	262	27	5	Alcorn A&M

(a) Missed '73 season because of injury.
(b) Missed '73 season because of injury.

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Baker, Mel	WR	5-11	186	24	Tex. So'ern
Cates, Larry	CB	5-10½	182	24	West Mich.
Crowder, Randy	DE	6-2	236	24	Penn St.
Dickerson, Ken	DB	5-9	182	22	Tuskagee
Heath, Clayton	RB	5-11	200	22	Wake Forest
Johnson, Sam	LB	6-2½	212	23	Arizona St.
Lally, Bob	LB	6-3	221	23	Cornell
Malone, Benny	RB	5-10	189	22	Arizona St.
Moore, Nat	WR	5-10	177	23	Florida
Revels, Jim	S	5-11½	180	23	Florida
Reese, Donald	DE	6-6	256	23	Jackson St.
Roberts, Gerry	DE	6-4	242	22	UCLA
Stevenson, Bill	DT	6-4	259	23	Drake
Sullivan, Joe	G-T	6-3	235	23	Boston Col.
Swierc, Carl	WR	6-1	181	23	Rice
Tillman, Andre	TE	6-4	228	22	Tex. Tech
Valbuena, Gary	QB	6-3	201	23	Tennessee
Vann, Cleveland	MLB	6-0	225	23	Okla. St.
White, Jeris	CB	5-11	183	22	Hawaii
Wickert, Tom	T	6-4	243	23	Wash. St.
Wolf, Jesse	DT	6-4	293	23	Pr. View
Wolfe, Bob	T	6-4	260	23	Nebraska



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LOU SABAN, Coach.

Assistants: Bill Atkins, John Ray, Stan Jones, Jim Ringo, Bob Shaw, Ed Cavanaugh.

PREDICTION 2ND

The Bills have this halfback. . . . Shortly after Lou Saban returned to Buffalo to assume command of the Bills in 1972, he stopped practice in the middle of scrimmage to speak to a wide receiver who had given a half-hearted blocking effort on a wide sweep.

"You see that No. 32," he told the receiver, pointing to O.J. Simpson. "If you block someone, if you even get in someone's way, that fellow can be in the end zone."

"He can put the meat and potatoes on your table."

O.J. put a lot of meat and potatoes on the table in 1973. What happened in professional football last year was the Juice. In the era of the running back, when the ground game is supreme, Simpson carried the ball further and more often than any football player in the history of man.

In 11 games he gained at least 100 yards and hit 99 once.

In three games he gained 200 yards or more.

In 14 games he gained 2003 yards, smashing the old Jim Brown record that most pro football watchers would swear was unbreakable.

He is the most potent offensive force in the NFL today, a man who can be in the end zone on any given play at any given time.

O.J.'s incredible individual accomplishments blur one fact, however. The team he is playing with now, the Bills, are a skilled club on the make.

"The difference in me two years ago and the me now is that I have help," he says. "We have a good football team, a good, young one. We don't average 25 years old. We are going to get better."

Buffalo won nine games last year, just missing the playoffs. They were eliminated from the wild card position in the American Conference on the final day



JOE DE LAMIELLEURE, Buffalo guard, clears way for O.J. SIMPSON, who parlayed record 332 carries into record 2003 yards last season.

of the season. The significant thing is that they won more games in '73 than they had the three previous seasons. O.J. was a member of the team then, too.

If Buffalo expects to seriously challenge Miami in the Eastern Division or to qualify for the wild card, then it will have to widen its offensive horizons.

Saban decided to start a rookie quarterback, Joe Ferguson, last year. He put the handcuffs on the ex Arkansas star. Lou kept reminding him that he had No. 32 in back of him and the pass was nearly a desperation gesture.

Saban even had a tackle, Paul Seymour, playing tight end. He didn't burn many safety men but he destroyed some linebackers and opened some gaping spaces for O.J.

But since last season ended Saban traded for a high-quality wide receiver, Ahmad Rashad

JOE FERGUSON was only NFL rookie quarterback to start all 14 games.



(formerly known as Bobby Moore) to go with the two high-quality receivers he already had, J.D. Hill and Bobby Chandler.

His No. 1 draft pick was a tight end who can move and catch the ball, Reuben Gant of Oklahoma State. If Gant proves he belongs in the starting lineup and can block as well as do the other things, Seymour will move back to tackle.

Midway through last season fullback Jim Braxton shed a nagging back injury to get back on the active list and provide the Bills with a devastating running mate for O.J. With the exception of Larry Csonka, there was no better power back in the NFL in November and December than Braxton.

So the Bills have the potential to be more explosive. Versatility in the game plan should help O.J., too, as he ran as a marked man all of last season. It wouldn't be too much of a surprise to see him used more frequently as a pass receiver, either.

The key man in the plans is Ferguson. Saban undoubtedly will loosen up with him, if not unleash him. The slightly-built youngster has a powerful arm, which was put on display only

late last year. If he can acquire polish and additional poise as a pro sophomore, the Bills could be on their way.

Ferguson has the job virtually all to himself this year. The veteran he beat out for the assignment last season, Dennis Shaw, was traded to St. Louis for Rashad.

Unless Saban works a late deal, the backup will be rookie Gary Marangi of Boston College, giving the Bills the youngest quarterback department of all playoff contenders.

The key to the offensive success is the line. The Bills have had O.J. for years, but until they put a first-class line in front of him he wasn't able to get them the kind of yardage in the key situations which win games.

In 1972 offensive line coach Jim Ringo had a different group every two weeks. Last year there was stability and it paid off. Reggie McKenzie became an all-pro in his second season as a starting guard. Lean and swift, he's the man who is out in front of Simpson on the sweeps and other wide plays. Huge Donnie Green and ex Jet Dave Foley can be overpowering drive blockers from the tackle positions. If Gant produc-

es, Seymour will move over to challenge one of the incumbents.

Rookie Joe DeLamielleure justified his first-round draft status with a first-class performance as a starter from opening day to the close. Bruce Jarvis and Mike Montler are expected to wage a battle for the center job. Jarvis started for two thirds of the season, hurt his knee and then Montler stepped in. Mike never played the position before but the Bills are convinced the ex Patriot should have been there all his pro careers.

The principal backups are Bob Penchion, who can play guard or tackle, and Halvor Hagen, who started the first five games at defensive end last year.

Even though the pass was thrown only out of pure necessity by the Bills last year, Chandler caught 30 and Hill 29. Both J.D. and Rashad are considered latent super stars. Backing them up are ex-Falcon Ray Jarvis and sophomore Wallace Francis.

Francis provided a bonus for the Bills in his rookie year. He led the American Conference in kickoff returns, taking two all the way for touchdowns. He has good pass-catching potential, too.

The Bills used the draft route

DAVE FOLEY, burly tackle, comes off one of his best seasons in 1973.



EARL EDWARDS, 6-6, 262-pound defensive end, came from 49ers in pre-season deal and became defensive leader, showing great pass rush.





DWIGHT HARRISON returns one of 5 interceptions he made last season.

to get a better backup for O.J. They plucked East Carolina's big Carlester Crumpler in the fourth round. Before Braxton shook the back miseries ex-Eagle Larry Watkins was an extremely competent fullback. He finished as the third-leading rusher with 414 yards and a 4.2-yard average. Other backups include a pair of youngsters, Pete Van Valkenberg and Steve Jones. Don Calhoun of Kansas is another rookie aspirant.

Defensively the Bills found themselves with a platoon of good linemen at the end of the season. That was probably the key to the unit's improvement.

The big man was Earl Edwards, who came in a trade with San Francisco. Saban converted him to end from tackle and he flourished, steadying the younger players. Edwards virtually won the home opener against the Jets with his relentless pass rush.

Walt Patulski sagged badly at the beginning of the season but roared back into the picture after a five-game benching. Buffalo needs more consistency from the big end, No. 1 pick in the NFL

draft two years ago.

Jerry Patton was a ferocious tackle all season long and Mike Kadish rebounded from failure in Miami to win a regular job after the Bills traded for him. Both will be pressed to beat off challenges. For one thing there is Jeff Winans, huge and quick, who played often and well late in his rookie year. For another there is Don Croft, a '72 regular who missed the '73 season with a knee injury.

Bob Kampa is another end-tackle stud and Jeff Yeates, a high pick in '73 who sat out the season with a knee injury, is repaired. Rugged Steve Okoniewski also looks for work.

Linebacking had a totally new picture in '73. Ex-Patriot Jim Cheyunski won the middle job and rookie John Skorupan won a starting job and played well alongside him. Now Skorupan's Penn State teammate, Doug Allen, aims for Rich Lewis' outside job. Allen was the No. 2 draftee and also may have some possibilities in the middle. Dave Washington, Phil Croyle and

Fred Forsberg are experienced spares.

All-pro Robert James makes one corner strong and ex receiver Dwight Harrison performed well in his new spot. Tony Greene will be their backup unless he's needed to start at free safety again. Donnie Walker is another corner possibility.

Savvy Ernie Kellerman finished as the strong safety and Greene at free safety, but Bill Cahill may be the man there this season.

Field goaler John Leypoldt boomed 21 of 31 and remains one of the league's best long-distance threats. Rookie Brian Doherty of Notre Dame pushes Spike Jones for the punting duty.

BILLS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
60	Adams, Bill	G	6-2	254	24	2	Holy Cross
34	Braxton, Jim	RB	6-1	243	24	4	West Va.
	Brinkman, C.	TE	6-3	192	25	1	Louisville
22	Cahill, Bill	S	5-11	180	23	2	Washington
81	Chandler, Bob	WR	6-0	179	25	4	So. Calif.
50	Cheyunski, Jim	LB	6-1	225	28	7	Syracuse
30	Cornell, Bo	RB-LB	6-2	215	25	4	Washington
72	Croft, Don	DE	6-3	254	25	2	El Paso
54	Croyle, Phil	LB	6-2	223	27	4	California
68	DeLamielleure, J.	G	6-3	254	23	2	Mich. St.
73	Edwards, Earl	DE	6-6	262	28	6	Wichita
12	Ferguson, Joe	QB	6-1	180	24	2	Arkansas
78	Foley, Dave	T	6-5	261	26	5	Ohio St.
57	Forsberg, Fred	LB	6-1	225	30	6	Washington
89	Francis, W.	WR	5-11	190	22	2	Ark. AM&N
74	Green, Donnie	T	6-8	272	26	4	Purdue
43	Greene, Tony	CB	5-10	170	25	4	Maryland
88	Hagen, Halvor	T	6-5	245	27	6	Weber St.
28	Harrison, Dwight	CB	6-2	178	25	4	Texas A&I
40	Hill, J.D.	WR	6-1	202	25	4	Arizona St.
20	James, Robert	CB	6-1	184	27	6	Fisk
51	Jarvis, Bruce	C	6-7	250	25	4	Washington
80	Jarvis, Ray	WR	5-11	193	25	4	Norfolk St.
11	Jones, Spike	P	6-2	197	27	5	Georgia
46	Jones, Steve	RB	6-0	200	23	2	Duke
71	Kadish, Mike	DT	6-5	265	24	2	Notre Dame
70	Kampa, Bob	DE	6-4	252	23	2	California
24	Kellerman, Ernie	S	6-0	183	30	9	Miami (O.)
37	Koy, Ted	TE	6-2	212	26	5	Texas
52	Krakau, Merv	LB	6-1	242	23	2	Iowa St.
3	Leypoldt, John	K	6-2	229	28	4	None
56	Lewis, Rich	LB	6-3	220	24	3	Portland
67	McKenzie, Reggie	G	6-4	235	24	3	Michigan
53	Montler, Mike	C-T	6-5	254	29	6	Colorado
79	Okoniewski, S.	DT	6-3	247	25	3	Montana
61	Parker, Willie	C-G	6-3	241	24	3	N. Tex. St.
77	Patton, Jerry	DT	6-3	265	28	4	Nebraska
85	Patulski, Walt	DE	6-6	259	24	3	Notre Dame
69	Penchion, Robert	T	6-5	265	25	3	Alcorn A&M
	Rashad, Ahmad	WR	6-2	200	25	3	Oregon
87	Seymour, Paul	TE	6-5	252	24	2	Michigan
32	Simpson, O.J.	RB	6-1	212	27	6	So. Calif.
55	Skorupan, John	LB	6-2	214	23	2	Penn St.
36	VanValkenberg, P.	RB	6-2	192	24	2	Brig. Young
26	Walker, Donnie	CB	6-2	180	23	2	Central St.
38	Watkins, Larry	RB	6-2	230	28	6	Alcorn A&M
75	Winans, Jeff	DT	6-5	265	22	2	So. Calif.
	Yeates, Jeff	DT	6-2	238	22	1	Boston Col.

ROOKIES—FREE AGENTS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Allen, Doug	LB	6-1	224	22	Penn St.
Blackmore, C.	TE	6-7	279	22	Buffalo
Butler, Mike	P	5-8	165	21	No. Iowa
Calhoun, Don	RB	5-10	197	22	Kansas St.
Cameron, Art	TE	6-2	225	22	Albany St.
Casola, Sal	K	5-10	170	22	Cincinnati
Crumpler, C.	RB	6-3	207	23	E. Carolina
Doherty, Brian	P	6-2	192	22	Notre Dame
Gant, Reuben	TE	6-4	233	22	Okla. State
Gurbada, Phil	DB	6-2	200	21	Mayville
Guy, Tim	DT	6-4	232	22	Oregon
Hare, Greg	QB	6-2	205	22	Ohio St.
Hayman, Gary	WR	6-1	198	22	Penn St.
Kirby, Rod	LB	6-0	207	22	Pittsburgh
Lamm, Phil	DB	5-11	178	22	N. Carolina
Marangi, Gary	QB	6-1	196	21	Boston Col.
Means, David	DE	6-4	235	22	SE Mo. St.
Ovale, Sanford	OT	6-6½	288	22	N. Dak. St.
Williams, Ken	LB	6-1	202	22	SW La. St.

1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Leypoldt, 90 points on 27 XP, 21 field goals		8th
RUSHING —Simpson, 332 carries for 2003 yds., 6.0 Avg., 12 TDs		1st
PASSING —Ferguson, 73 in 164 attempts for 939 yds., 4 TDs		13th
RECEIVING —Chandler, 30 receptions for 427 yds., 3 TDs		20th
INTERCEPTIONS —Harrison, 5 for 117 yds., 23.4 Avg., 1 TD		6th
PUNTING —Jones, 66 punts, 40.3 Avg., longest 62 yds.		9th
PUNT RETURNS —Walker, 25 for 210 yds., 8.4 Avg.		7th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Francis, 23 for 687 yds., 2 TDs		1st

Pre-Season Games

July	27	St. Louis at Canton O.
Aug.	2	GREEN BAY (N)
	12	AT Kansas City (N)
	18	AT Washington (N)
	25	AT Minnesota (N)
	30	DETROIT (N)
Sept.	6	N.Y. GIANTS (N)

1974 SCHEDULE	1973 Scores
Sept. 16 OAKLAND (N)	—
22 MIAMI	0-17
29 N.Y. JETS	9-7
Oct. 6 AT Green Bay	—
13 AT Baltimore	24-17
20 NEW ENGLAND	37-13
27 CHICAGO	—
Nov. 3 AT New England	31-14
10 HOUSTON	—
17 AT Miami	6-27
24 AT Cleveland	—
Dec. 1 BALTIMORE	31-13
8 AT N.Y. Jets	34-14
15 AT Los Angeles	—

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PREDICTION 3RD

Someone asked Joe Thomas last winter why he hadn't made any blockbuster trades since the end of the season.

"The Colts are like my house," answered Thomas. "I told my wife the other day, 'we have it all torn apart now, almost gutted. Now we'll start rebuilding it as we intended.'"

"That's what we're doing with this football team. Starting to rebuild it after we gutted it."

It looks as if Thomas still has at least two years of rebuilding to do. Most NFL watchers consider Baltimore's 1973 season as shakedown cruise. That holds true not only for the players but the head coach, Howard Schnellenberger.

Schnellenberger didn't get word that he would be around for another season until a month after his rookie year as head man had finished. It was a qualified invitation to stay. More than half the Colt coaching staff was told

to get lost. It wasn't Schnelly who came to that decision.

Schnellenberger is far from dealing from strength. If the Colts come out of the gate staggering, he could be told to get lost himself.

There are plenty of things which need straightening out in Baltimore. One of the first is the identity of the No. 1 quarterback.

Marty Domres and Bert Jones played volleyball with the position last year. Domres played himself out of a job in the exhibition season. Jones got the call early, then had his confidence blistered in a haze of interceptions. At one point he even volunteered to play fullback.

Cooler heads prevailed and he was persuaded that he still had a big future as quarterback. He'll get a fresh role this season. Domres has sound experience now but Marty looks the part of a first-rate quarterback only on occasion.

Jones has all the skill, size, arm, quick feet. Schnellenberger's

job with him is twofold—to rebuild his shattered confidence and to make sure his pass protection won't get him decapitated.

It doesn't help that Jones knows Schnelly is under the gun himself.

With so much uncertainty at quarterback it would seem natural for Baltimore to turn to the run, a more conservative offensive style. The Colts, in fact, tried that last year but the ingredients weren't there for a consistent, stylish, effective attack.

Sophomore back Lydell Mitchell did establish himself as a solid pro. His 963 yards were the most for a Baltimore ball carrier since the days of Alan Ameche. His 253 rushes were topped only by O.J. Simpson, Floyd Little and Boobie Clark in the AFC.

Yet for all his yardage and hard running, Mitchell is not the type of back who petrifies a defense, causes them to do special things to stop him. His longest

BERT JONES, left, and MARTY DOMRES again vie for the starting Colt's quarterback job. The veteran Domres emerged as No. 1 last season though default when Jones disappointed as a rookie. Domres passed for 1153 yards, 9 TDs.





MIKE CURTIS (32), middle linebacker, takes aim at JIM PLUNKETT, Pats' QB.



DON McCAULEY gained 514 yards and two touchdowns as fullback in '73.

run was 36 yards. Right now his reputation is good but not spectacular: a solid, hard-running back who does the grubby things well.

Maybe if he had a respected fullback with whom he could pair he would be more effective. Don

McCauley is the incumbent at the position. But he is a slasher, a sound if unspectacular journeyman. In effect he is a carbon copy of Mitchell.

Last year Thomas drafted Bill Olds of Nebraska with an eye toward him becoming the stallion the Colts needed to keep the defense honest. Olds' moments were few. This year the hope was big Ed Shuttlesworth, the powerful fullback from Michigan, but then he signed with Toronto of the Canadian League.

The quality of the passing was supposed to be helped by the blockbuster trade of the season in '73. Baltimore surrendered all-pro defensive end Bubba Smith in exchange for the all-pro tight end, Raymond Chester. Chester was a bust in Baltimore. There were complaints about his blocking and even more complaints about his ability to get open on pass routes.

Tom Mitchell, much slower and not as well regarded around the NFL, ended up playing far more than Chester. Chester caught 18 passes for a 10.1 average and 1 touchdown. Mitchell caught 25 for a 12.5 average and four touchdowns. Chester may

be in for a lot more action in '74, especially if he approaches his job with a new zeal.

Glenn Doughty started to establish himself. The Colts seemed reluctant to invest a starting job with the ex-Michigan star, but once they went with him he produced with 26 catches, a team high, plus an impressive 22.5-yard average and four scores.

Cotton Spreyer is listed as the starter on the other side, but the expectation is that Roger Carr, a No. 1 draft choice, will beat him out. Carr is the sprinter out of Louisiana Tech. He has hands and good concentration on the ball.

Receiving has been looked upon as a Baltimore weakness in the last few years, but if Doughty keeps improving and Carr produces as the Colt scouts expect, then the weakness could be turned into strength. Chester also must figure in that change. He could be the best friend a young quarterback like Jones could have.

Ollie Smith is another young pass catcher with possibilities. Sam Havrilak, a seasoned handyman, also helps there. John Andrews, who played fullback in a pinch role as Baltimore upset Miami last season, is another experienced tight end.

The only proven player on the Colt offensive line is Glenn Ressler, the underrated guard. There are times that Tom Drougas, the young tackle, looks like the brass thought he might when they drafted him No. 1 a couple of years ago. But he'll be in the WFL next year. It was a surprise when Ken Mendenhall beat out veteran Fred Hoaglin, the ex-Brown, for the assignment at center.

Elmer Collett came from the 49ers to win the guard spot opposite Ressler. Dennis Nelson was the other tackle. David Taylor played some at tackle as a rookie. Tackle Gery Palmer and center Dan Neal come off the taxi squad while guard Bob Pratt of North Carolina was an early draftee.

One of the Colt priorities since Thomas' arrival has been the building of a defensive line. This one could be radically changed



JOE EHLMANN, defensive tackle, was hampered by injuries as rookie in '73.

by mid-season.

Baltimore starts the season with two sophomores and two veterans in the line. The second-year men are tackle Joe Ehrmann and end Mike Barnes. The veterans are tackle Jim Bailey and end Roy Hilton. Ehrmann, one of last year's No. 1 picks, played well as a starter, Barnes' play was spotty.

But it's the veterans who are most susceptible to a challenge.

One of this year's No. 1 picks was Nebraska's huge pass rusher, John Dutton. He could be stationed at Hilton's end position before too long. The 6-foot-6, 252-pounder is highly thought of. The other newcomer is Fred Cook, the tough guy from Southern Mississippi. Cook is about linebacker size now, 235 pounds, but the Colt scouts think he can grow into end's size. It wouldn't be a shock to see him challenging Barnes or forcing the coaches to move Barnes inside to Bailey's position.

Backing up this bunch are veterans Dick Amman and Joe Schmeising, as well as taxi squader Bill Windauer.

The Colts still have two linebackers in the all-pro class—middle man Mike Curtis and outside backer Ted Hendricks. Curtis separated a shoulder early last season and didn't return until December. The Colts were a different defensive team without him. Hendricks ranks with the

finest in the game.

Thir partner, is Stan White, who replaced Ray May (traded to Denver) last year. Mike Kaczmarek and Stan Cherry are experienced subs. Danny Rhodes of Arkansas and Dan Dickel of Iowa are the best looking rookies.

There was dissatisfaction with the secondary in '73. Rick Volk, the veteran safety, is the only proven player back there, although young Nelson Munsey had a pretty good year at corner. Bruce Laird needs a return to his rookie style at the other safety. Rex Kern and Ray Oldham compete at corner.

Tony Bell of Bowling Green and Tim Rudnick of Notre Dame were highest drafted rookies. Brian Herosian, a fine athlete, is around for another shot at safety.

Place-kicker George Hunt did a decent job on field goals from the 40 and closer in his debut, booting 16 of 20. He went 0 for 8 from beyond the 40, however.

Punter David Lee had one of his worst years, averaging only 38.7 and pulling some uncharacteristic boners.

1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Hunt, 70 points on 22 XP, 16 field goals 12th
RUSHING —Mitchell, 253 carries for 963 yards, 3.8 Avg., 2 TDs 6th
PASSING —Domres, 93 in 191 attempts for 1153 yds., 9 TDs 8th
RECEIVING —Doughty, 26 receptions for 584 yds., 4 TDs 31st
INTERCEPTIONS —White, 4 for 40 yds., 10.0 Avg., 1 TD 15th
PUNTING —Lee, 62 punts, 38.7 Avg., longest 60 yds. 11th
PUNT RETURNS —Laird, 15 for 72 yds., 4.8 Avg. 15th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Spyrer, 17 for 496 yds., 29.2 Avg., 1 TD 2nd

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 9 DETROIT (N)
17 Cleveland at Tampa (N)
26 CHICAGO (N)
31 AT Atlanta (N)
Sept. 6 AT Washington (N)

1974 SCHEDULE

		1973 Scores
Sept. 15	AT Pittsburgh	—
22	GREEN BAY	—
29	AT Philadelphia	—
Oct. 6	AT New England	16-24
13	BUFFALO	17-24
20	AT N.Y. Jets	17-20
27	AT Miami	0-44
Nov. 3	CINCINNATI	—
10	DENVER	—
17	AT Atlanta	—
24	NEW ENGLAND	18-13
Dec. 1	AT Buffalo	13-31
8	MIAMI	16-3
15	N.Y. JETS	10-34



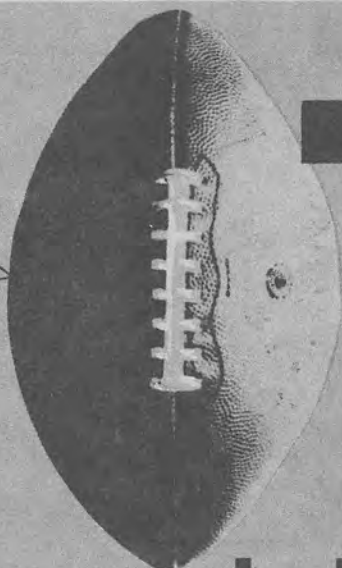
GLENN DOUGHTY came into own as wide receiver, nabbing 26 passes.

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73	Amman, R.	DE-DT	6-5	250	23	3	Florida St.
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79	Bailey, Jim	DT	6-6	255	25	5	Kansas
63	Barnes, Mike	DE	6-6	255	23	2	Miami (Fla.)
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74	Drougas, Tom	T	6-4	257	24	3	Oregon
76	Ehrmann, Joe	DT	6-5	260	24	2	Syracuse
27	Ginn, Hubert	RB	5-10	185	27	5	Fia. A&M
17	Havriak, Sam	WR	6-2	195	26	6	Bucknell
29	Herosian, Brian	S	6-3	200	24	2	Connecticut
83	Hendricks, Ted	LB	6-7	220	26	6	Miami (Fla.)
85	Hilton, Roy	DE	6-6	240	31	10	Jackson St.
54	Hoaglin, Fred	C	6-4	250	30	9	Pittsburgh
10	Hunt, George	K	6-1	215	24	2	Tennessee
7	Jones, Bert	QB	6-3	205	23	2	LSU
52	Kaczmarek, M.	LB	6-4	235	23	2	So'ern Ill.
44	Kern, Rex	CB-S	6-1	190	24	4	Ohio St.
40	Laird, Bruce	DB	6-0	185	24	3	Amer. Int'l
49	Lee, David	P	6-4	230	30	9	La. Tech
23	McCaulley, Don	RB	6-1	214	24	4	No. Carolina
57	Mendenhall, Ken	C	6-3	235	26	4	Oklahoma
26	Mitchell, Lydell	RB	5-11	204	25	3	Penn St.
84	Mitchell, Tom	WR	6-3	215	30	8	Bucknell
31	Munsey, Nelson	CB	6-1	185	26	3	Wyoming
50	Neal, Dan	C	6-4	240	23	2	Kentucky
68	Nelson, Dennis	T	6-5	260	28	5	Illinois St.
25	Oldham, Ray	S	6-0	200	23	2	Middle Tenn.
38	Olds, Bill	RB	6-1	224	23	2	Nebraska
62	Ressler, Glenn	G	6-3	250	31	10	Penn St.
75	Schmiesing, J.	DT-DE	6-4	245	29	7	N. Mex. St.
80	Smith, Ollie	WR	6-2	195	24	2	Tenn. State
28	Spyrer, Cotton	WR	6-0	175	25	3	Texas
64	Taylor, David	T	6-4	254	24	2	Catawba
21	Volk, Rick	S	6-3	195	29	8	Michigan
53	White, Stan	LB	6-1	225	24	3	Ohio St.

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
	Berra, Tim	WR	5-11	185	22	Mass.
	Bell, Tony	S	6-2	204	22	Mass.
	Bobrowski, Bob	QB	6-2	205	22	Bowl. Green
	Carr, Roger	WR	6-3	200	22	Purdue
60	Christoff, Larry	G	6-4	227	23	La. Tech
	Collins, Ed	WR	6-1	190	23	Rutgers
	Cook, Fred	DE	6-3	235	22	Rice
	Dickel, Dan	LB	6-3	220	22	So. Miss.
	Dutton, John	DE	6-6	252	23	Iowa
	Ellis, Glen	DT	6-4	252	22	Nebraska
	Hall, Randy	S	6-3	185	22	Elon
	Jackson, Noah	G	6-2	255	22	Idaho
	Kelly, Pat	LB	6-2	222	23	Tampa (Can.)
	Lewis, Buzzy	CB	6-0	181	22	Richmond
	Margavage, D.	T	6-3	246	23	Florida St.
	Nettles, Doug	CB	6-0	177	23	Kentucky
71	Palmer, Gery	T	6-4	255	23	Vanderbilt
9	Pierantozzi, Tom	QB	6-2	205	23	Kansas
	Pratt, Robert	G	6-3	255	23	W. Chester
	Rhodes, Danny	LB	6-2	220	23	No. Carolina
	Rudnick, Tim	CB	5-10	185	22	Arkansas
	Shuttlesworth, E.	RB	6-2	230	22	Notre Dame
	Scott, Fred	WR	6-2	175	22	Michigan
	Simonson, Dave	T	6-6	238	22	Amherst
	Van Dyne, Bob	G	6-5	235	22	Minnesota
65	Windauer, Bill	DT	6-3	245	24	Idaho
						Iowa



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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

PREDICTION 4TH

One of the Boston writers who cover the Patriots was talking about O.J. Simpson's fantastic season in 1973.

"What a player. It's too bad they'll have to put an asterisk after those 2003 yards," he said.

"An asterisk?"

"Yeah, they'll have to explain to the historians that he played two games against the New England defense."

The Patriots make sour faces when they hear jokes like that. But the truth is that O.J. buried them in an avalanche of yardage, 469 yards to be exact. The first time they saw him he gorged himself with an NFL record 250 yards. The second time they "held" him to 219.

It's equally true that in an era when teams live by the run, no team in the league was more inept at stopping it than New England.

That remains the Pats' principal flaw, although by no means their only one.

Their principal asset is Jim Plunkett, still viewed as the game's best young quarterback. What has to be done, if Coach Chuck Fairbanks hopes to inch along in his rebuilding program, is the construction of ample pass protection and an offense which will enable Plunkett to put more points on the board than the defense gives up.

It won't be easy.

There were times in 1973 when it appeared the Pats were making progress. Especially when they won three consecutive games from Green Bay, Houston and San Diego. The Packers, Oilers and Chargers weren't memorable teams last year but not too many teams scored 33, 32 and 30 points against them as New England did.

In a time when most clubs are committed to the run, New England passed because it had Plunkett to do the passing.

His statistics are from another era: 376 attempts; 193 completions; 2550 yards. Reggie Rucker, who had been a journeyman receiver until he hooked up with the big Californian, suddenly looked like a very good one with 53 catches for 743 yards.

Plunkett wasn't a Johnny-One-Note guy. He found other people besides Rucker and they weren't those cozy dump-offs to backs, either. Tight end Bob Windsor caught 23 and scored four touchdowns; rookie wide receiver Daryl Stingley caught 23; Randy Vataha caught 20.

Big Jim is developing cool and patience to dissect defenses. What he needs is time and more offensive weapons. The 36 sacks the enemy inflicted on him are magnified when you consider that he is a good runner and often romped out of trouble. He was the club's fourth leading ground gainer with 209 yards.

The Pats invested one of their three first-round draft choices last year in Alabama' All-America guard, John Hannah. The investment paid immediate returns. Hannah was an instant starter and by the testimony of most NFL observers should be one of league's quality linemen for years to come.

The problem is that Plunkett doesn't have enough like him. Red Miller, the canny offensive line coach, did a sound job with what he had to work with. But New England needs more quality athletes in front of Plunk.

Another first-round choice was used to take Sam Cunningham, the big Southern California fullback. The reasoning was twofold. It was thought Sam Bam would be able to contribute to Plunkett's protection and also to provide the power running the club lacked.

Cunningham's blocking was valuable and should be even better this season. He gained 516 yards, an average of 3.3, which is so-so but it led the club. What

CHUCK FAIRBANKS, Coach.

Assistants: Larry Weaver, Hank Bullough, Ron Erhardt, Red Miller, Bill Nelson, Charlie Sumner, Jim Valek, Ray Perkins.



JIM PLUNKETT, entering his fourth season, is key to Patriots' attack.

hurt was Sam's inclination to cough up the ball at inopportune moments.

What would help everyone is a first-class halfback, like Carl Garrett, whom Fairbanks banished to the Chicago Bears before last season. What the Pats have now are people like John Tarver and Josh Ashton, heavy-duty backs who have their moments. But the explosiveness and consistency are missing.

Little Mack Herron was spotted at times, but his principal value is as a punt and kickoff return. Still, he may have to serve more from scrimmage for versatility's sake.



MACK HERRON, left, churned for 1092 yards on 41 kickoff returns last year while wide receiver REGGIE RUCKER enjoyed a fine year, making 53 receptions for 743 yards, three TDs. Herron broke six Patriot return records.

The only member of the old guard among the offensive linemen who is sure of employment in '74 is tackle Tom Neville, an underrated player. The man opposite him probably will be Leon Gray, a high draft choice of the Miami Dolphins a year ago. The ex Jackson State star was acquired by the Pats on waivers.

Hannah is the fixture at left guard. Veteran Len St. Jean will have his hands full beating off the challenge of the team's top draftee, Steve Corbett of Boston College. Corbett was a center in his senior year but he played guard as a sophomore and junior. There may be a three-way fight at center among Bill Lenkaitis, veteran Jon Morris and Dennis Dumler, Lenkaitis also has played guard. Willie Banks and Sam Adams are reserves.

Rucker, Vataha and Stingley all could get a push from Dick Gordon, the one-time Chicago Bear star who was acquired in a trade with Green Bay. Bob Adams should push Windsor at tight end with rookie Ed McCartney a dark-horse.

Ex Jet Steve Harkey, ex Cowboy Claxton Welch and rookie Andy Johnson could inject themselves into the running back race. Johnson was a college quarterback at Georgia but the scouts feel he can make the transition. Wayne Patrick, the huge fullback

from Buffalo, could figure prominently if he can shake the knee injury which postponed his Patriots debut in '73.

Dick Shiner, the well-traveled journeyman, and Brian Dowling are the backups for Plunkett.

Julius Adams, the quick tackle, is the only defensive lineman with any kind of credentials. He is a free lancer of repute. Undersized Ray Hamilton, who played for Fairbanks at Oklahoma, made some flashy plays as a rookie but his lack of heft is against him. Undoubtedly Fairbanks will be looking for something better on the right side of the line. End Rick Cash and tackle Dave Rowe are vulnerable there.

Just where the challenges are going to come from isn't certain. The Patriots didn't draft a defensive lineman. The reserves include Willie Dorsey, Arthur Moore, Mel Lunsford and Donnell Smith, all of whom were found wanting by other NFL clubs.

The linebacking may be just a notch above the rush line. There should be two or three times as much competition, however.

New England finished with veteran Edgar Chandler in the middle, flanked by veteran Ron Acks and rookie Steve King. Ex Bengal Bill Peterson and John

JOHN HANNAH won starting left guard job as rookie last season.



Tanner are veteran reserves on the outside, with ex Steeler Brian Stenger, Ken Geddes and Will Foster drawing beads on Chandler's job. But the principal competition could come from rookies like Steve Nelson of North Dakota State, a second-round draftee; Grambling's Charles Battle and ex-Nebraska fullback Maury Damkroger.

The secondary isn't peopled with Pro Bowl picks, either. The best news was that Ron Bolton improved immensely from his first to second year and now ranks as a competent corner.

George Hoey, another youngster, is Bolton's partner at corner back. Sticks Anderson, the ex-Steeler, is the strong safety, backed by Greg Boys who was active for two games as a rookie. Don Martin backs up the corners.

Sandy Durko is the nominal starter at free safety, but there is an interesting new candidate for the job. It is Jack Mildren, who was a whirlwind of a quarterback for Fairbanks in the good old days at Oklahoma. Mildren made the mildest of dents after

being converted to defense in Baltimore but he may produce more often under his old coach.

There is another interesting aspect to the trade which brought Jack to New England. Fairbanks may end up incorporating the wishbone offense into his attack, using Mildren as the quarterback in special situations. It wouldn't seem the thing for Plunkett, who is in enough physical danger just dropping back to pass for the Patriots.

Fairbanks' attitude is that the Patriots would welcome anyone who could contribute is underlined by the number of free agents he brought to camp. They included a lot of guys who failed to stick with other pro clubs, like linebacker Skip Singletary, guard Ernie Webster, wide receivers Edesel Garrison and Jim Livesay, quarterbacks Gary Wichard

and Brian Linstrom, defensive end John Wood and safety Ken Schlezes.

The kickers should be under challenge, along with almost everyone else. Place kicker Jeff White and punter Bruce Barnes are by no means established.

TOM NEVILLE, offensive tackle, hopes to be free of injury in this season.



ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Allen, Larry	LB	6-2	220	Illinois
Battle, Charles	DE	6-4	230	Grambling
Bennett, Phil	RB	6-0	188	Boston Col.
Boekholder, S.	DE	6-6	253	Drake
Bowens, Cecil	RB	6-2	230	Kentucky
Briley, Lowry	CB	5-10	170	E. Tex. St.
Brown, Isaac	RB	5-11	205	W. Kentucky
Buskirk, Harry	OT	6-4	242	Millersville
Butler, Al	CB	6-3	210	Compton
Carter, Kent	LB	6-3	220	USC
Clark, Larry	LB	6-1	224	N. Illinois
Code, Merl	CB	5-11	195	N.C. A&T
Cook, Lewis	DE	5-11	177	Idaho St.
Corbett, Steve	OG	6-4	248	Boston Col.
Damkroger, M.	LB	6-2	238	Nebraska
Du Lac, Bill	DE	6-4	268	E. Michigan
Dyches, Dan	C	6-4	250	So. Carolina
Engle, Phil	DE	6-2	265	So. Dak. St.
Fernandes, Ron	DE	6-4	238	E. Michigan
Gallagher, Allen	OT	6-3	257	So. Calif.
Garrison, Edesel	WR	6-1	210	So. Calif.
Gibson, Archie	RB	6-0	200	Utah St.
Graff, Neil	QB	6-3	200	Wisconsin
Hand, Ted	C	6-2	185	E. Michigan
Haynes, George	S	6-0	185	Tulsa
Hudson, Gary	CB	5-11	180	Boston Col.
Hulecki, John	TE	6-3	230	Univ. Mass.
Hunt, Sam	LB	6-1	245	S. P. Austin
Jakowenko, G.	K	5-10	165	Syracuse
Johnson, Andy	RB	6-0	200	Georgia
Johnson, Carl	LB	6-1	230	Tennessee
Jordan, Shelby	OT	6-7	265	Washington
King, Ken	LB	6-4	230	Kentucky
Kutter, Mike	LB	6-3	225	Concordia
Linstrom, Brian	QB	6-4	205	Arizona
Livesay, Jim	WR	6-3	205	Richmond
McCartney, Ed	TE	6-3	225	N.E. Okla.
McCray, P.	CB	6-1	185	Arizona St.
McCurry, David	S	6-1	187	Iowa St.
McGuigan, Frank	RB	6-0	205	Arkansas St.
McHugh, Mike	LB	6-4	225	Harvard
Marshall, Al	WR	6-1	190	Boise St.
Massey, James	CB	6-0	205	Linfield
Nelson, Steve	LB	6-2	225	No. Dak. St.
Osley, Willie	CB	6-1	195	Illinois
Pearmon, Archie	DE	6-4	245	No. eastern
Pittman, Ceasar	CB	5-11	185	Arizona
Ramsey, Chuck	P-K	6-1	180	Wake Forest
Richards, Charles	QB	6-3	205	Richmond
Sanders, John	S	6-0	170	So. Dakota
Schlezes, Ken	S	6-3	195	Notre Dame
Singletary, Bill	LB	6-1	220	Temple
Slater, Bill	DT	6-3	245	West. Mich.
Smith, John	K	6-0	170	England
Taylor, Carl	DT	6-3	250	Memphis St.
Thornton, Bob	OG	6-4	235	No. Carolina
Tillman, Faddie	OG	6-6	250	Boise St.
Webster, Ernie	OG	6-4	245	Pittsburgh
White, Al	WR	5-11	188	Ft. Valley
Wichard, Gary	QB	6-1	195	C. W. Post
Wideman, Bill	DT	6-3	265	N.C. A&T
Williams, Terry	TE	6-2	215	Grambling
Wood, John	DE	6-4	250	LSU
Wright, Dave	OT	6-4	240	Xavier (O.)

PATRIOTS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
51	Acks, Ron	LB	6-2	200	29	7	Illinois
80	Adams, Bob	TE	6-2	225	27	5	Pacific
85	Adams, Julius	DT	6-3	257	26	4	Tex. So. ern
61	Adams, Sam	G	6-3	252	25	3	Prairie View
49	Anderson, Ralph	S	6-1	180	25	4	W. Tex. St.
31	Ashton, Josh	RB	6-1	202	24	3	Tulsa
78	Banks, Willie	G	6-2	250	28	5	Alcorn A&M
3	Barnes, Bruce	P	5-11	212	23	2	UCLA
27	Bolton, Ron	CB	6-2	170	24	3	Norfolk St.
29	Boyd, Greg	S	6-2	201	23	2	Arizona
63	Cash, Rick	DT	6-5	245	29	6	No. east Mo.
50	Chandler, Edgar	LB	6-3	225	27	7	Georgia
39	Cunningham, S.	RB	6-3	224	24	2	So. Calif.
79	Dorsey, Nate	DE	6-4	240	23	2	Miss. Val.
14	Dowling, Brian	QB	6-2	198	27	3	Yale
58	Dumler, Doug	C	6-3	242	23	2	Nebraska
22	Durko, Sandy	S	6-1	185	25	4	So. Calif.
56	Foster, Will	LB	6-2	230	25	2	East. Mich.
55	Geddes, Bob	LB	6-2	240	28	2	UCLA
19	Gordon, Dick	WR	5-11	190	30	10	Mich. St.
70	Gray, Leon	DT	6-3	256	23	2	Jackson St.
71	Hamilton, Ray	DE	6-1	232	23	2	Oklahoma
73	Hannah, John	G	6-2	265	23	2	Alabama
34	Harkey, Steve	RB	6-0	215	25	3	Ga. Tech
42	Herron, Mack	RB	5-5	170	26	2	Kansas St.
23	Hoey, George	CB	5-10	180	27	4	Michigan
52	King, Steve	LB	6-4	225	23	2	Tulsa
67	Lenkaitis, Bill	G	6-4	250	28	7	Penn St.
72	Lunsford, Mel	DT	6-3	250	24	2	Central
24	McCall, Bob	RB	6-0	205	24	2	Arizona
38	Martin, Donald	CB	5-11	187	24	2	Yale
28	Mason, Dave	S	6-0	199	23	2	Nebraska
47	Mildren, Jack	S	6-1	200	24	2	Oklahoma
75	Moore, Arthur	DT	6-5	253	23	2	Tulsa
56	Morris, Jon	C	6-4	248	32	11	Holy Cross
77	Neville, Tom	OT	6-4	260	31	10	Miss. St.
30	Patrick, Wayne	RB	6-1	230	28	6	Louisville
54	Peterson, Bill	LB	6-3	225	29	5	S. Jose St.
16	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	210	26	4	Stanford
76	Rowe, Dave	DT	6-7	265	29	8	Penn St.
33	Rucker, Reggie	WR	6-2	190	26	5	Boston U.
11	Shiner, Dick	QB	6-0	201	32	11	Maryland
65	Smith, Donnell	DE	6-4	245	25	3	Southern
60	St. Jean, Len	G	6-0	250	32	11	N. Michigan
62	Stenger, Brian	LB	6-4	241	27	6	Notre Dame
84	Stingley, Darryl	WR	6-0	195	22	2	Purdue
53	Tanner, John	LB	6-4	235	29	3	Tenn. Tech
36	Tarver, John	RB	6-3	216	25	3	Colorado
18	Vataha, Randy	WR	5-10	170	25	4	Stanford
35	Welch, Claxton	RB	5-11	203	27	5	Oregon
2	White, Jeff	K	5-10	167	26	2	El Paso
86	Windsor, Bob	TE	6-4	225	31	8	Kentucky

1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —White, 63 points on 21 XP, 14 field goals	15th
RUSHING —Cunningham, 155 carries for 516 yds., 3.3 Avg., 4 TDs	19th
PASSING —Plunkett, 193 in 376 attempts for 2550 yds., 13 TDs	6th
RECEIVING —Rucker, 53 receptions for 743 yds., 3 TDs	3rd
INTERCEPTIONS —Bolton, 6 for 65 yds., 10.8 Avg.	5th
PUNTING —Barnes, 55 punts, 38.8 Avg., longest 53 yds.	10th
PUNT RETURNS —Herron, 27 for 282 yds., 10.4 Avg.	5th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Herron, 41 for 1092 yds., 26.6 Avg., 1 TD	7th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 2 AT Washington (N)	
10 N.Y. GIANTS (N)	
18 NEW ORLEANS (N)	
24 AT San Diego (N)	
31 Denver at Spokane Wash.	
Sept. 8 PHILADELPHIA (N)	
1974 SCHEDULE	1973 Scores
Sept. 15 MIAMI	14-30
22 AT N.Y. Giants	—
29 LOS ANGELES	—
Oct. 6 BALTIMORE	24-16
13 AT N.Y. Jets	13-33
20 AT Buffalo	13-37
27 AT Minnesota	—
Nov. 3 BUFFALO	13-31
10 CLEVELAND	—
17 N.Y. JETS	7-9
24 AT Baltimore	13-18
Dec. 1 AT Oakland	—
8 PITTSBURGH	—
15 AT Miami	23-44

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NEW YORK JETS

PREDICTION 5TH

The statute of limitations has run out on the 1968 Super Bowl.

There is too much rust on the memory of that day when Joe Namath and the Jets stunned the football world. The New Yorkers are just another decayed team, now. Like the Patriots and Colts and Bears and Eagles they need massive gulps of revitalizer.

Namath is still there, threatening to pierce any defense at any time. But even Joe is taking on the look of a novelty. In the first place there's the question of

whether he wants to go on playing. In the second place there is the question of whether his frail knees and other brittle bones will allow him to play even if he wants to.

Thirdly, and possibly most important, there is the question of whether the Jets can keep him from being pulverized if he does choose to play.

There were some sad scenes last year.

One was watching Stan White, a Baltimore linebacker, walk in on Namath via the blitz. Untouched, White blasted Joe and put him out for half the season

with a separated shoulder.

An even sadder scene occurred on the last day of the season. It was the day Weeb Ewbank ended his 40-year coaching career. Old Weeb was booed and pelted with snowballs while the Buffalo Bills and O.J. Simpson manhandled his team.

Now Charlie Winner is the coach and his prospects aren't much brighter than those of his father in law, Ewbank.

Winner's roster is populated by names like Ralph Baker, Bob Svihus, John Elliott, Emerson Boozer and Al Atkinson, players a lot of people think are on the last legs of their NFL careers. Some of the new blood the Jets brought in as potential replacements for the oldies haven't exactly been coursing through New York's veins.

Then there is the team attitude. Weeb's penchant for creating sour feelings at contract time has diluted the usefulness of a lot of players. One example is John Riggins, who by all accounts should be a super fullback. Riggins thought about quitting football last year, in fact didn't even report to the team until well into the regular season. He was useless all year.

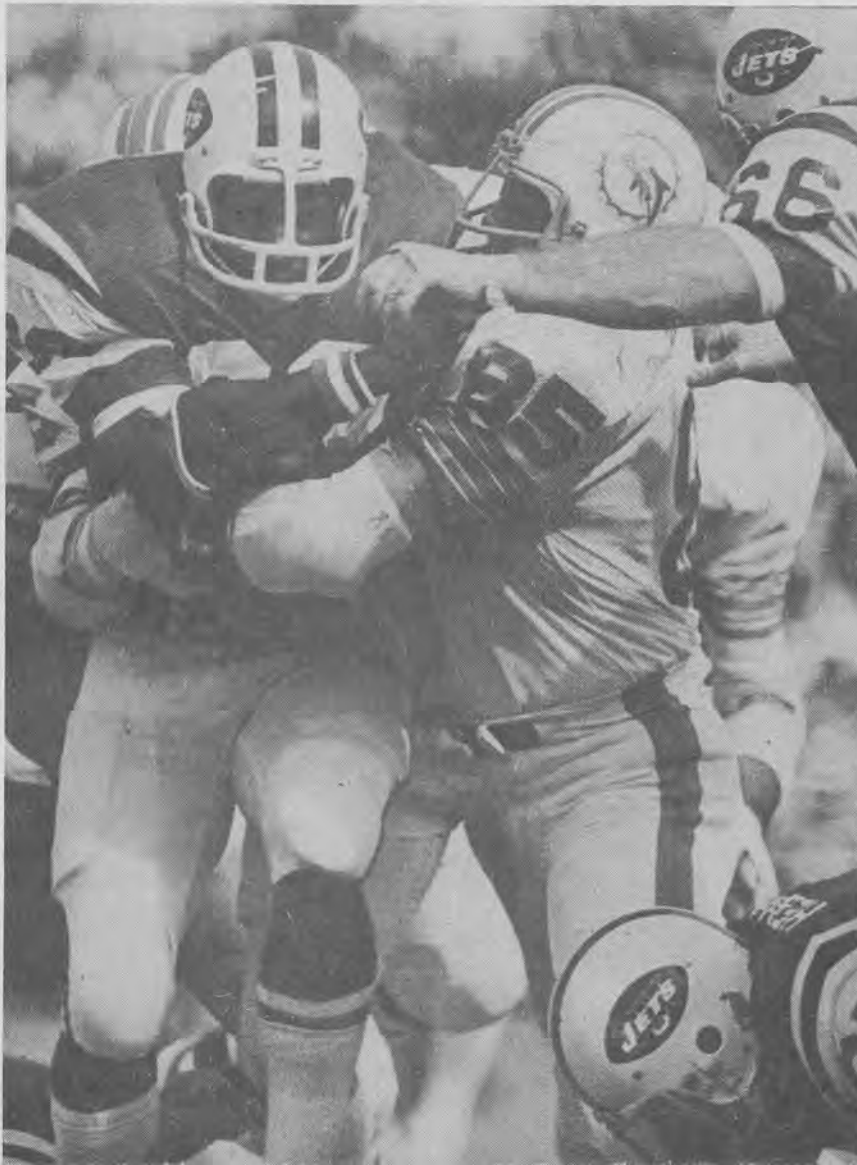
Some smoother handling might have coaxed the super star out of him.

Ewbank's reluctance to trade is another thing which contributes to the decay. He swapped draft choices to New Orleans last year for defensive lineman Richard Neal and corner Delles Howell. It was acclaimed as a good deal for New York but Weeb is chary of trying it often. He was afraid of making a bad deal for Winner for one thing, but Charlie may be worse off with some of the dead wood he was left.

Of course as long as he has Namath and as long as the protection is reasonable, Winner has a chance to pull out a victory in any game. Joe Willie is far from finished.

He has some potentially spec-

JEROME BARKUM, Jets' speedy wide receiver heading into third season, is stopped by **NICK BUONICONTI**, Miami linebacker, after a short gain.





JOE NAMATH must have more protection if he's going to stay healthy.



JOHN RIGGINS' contract hassle hurt the Jets' running game last campaign.

tacular receivers, too. There is probably no tight end in the game a bigger threat than Richard Caster. Caster has the potential to destroy any team on any given play—and that includes the Jets. The sight of the big guy running under a 40 or 50-yard pass, reaching out for it, tucking it to his bosom—and then dropping it—is a haunting sight for any New York fan.

Young Jerome Barkum is starting his third season as a pro wide receiver and this could be blossom time. He has blazing speed, better than average concentration and good hands.

A lot of people, including Namath, tend to shake their heads at Eddie Bell's small stature but he comes up with some big catches and he's been around long enough to erase some of those doubts about his durability.

Winner plans to alter the look of his offensive line, which did not perform up to reasonable standards last year. New York quarterbacks were sacked 37 times last year. When you have a Namath on your roster that is tantamount to suicide.

Robert Woods finished up as the starting left tackle in '73, his rookie season, but Winner plans to move him to right guard to fill the vacancy caused by Dave

Herman's retirement. Sophomore Garry Puetz also contends for that spot. The probable starter in Woods' tackle slot is Gordie Browne, the team's second-round draft choice. Browne had a so-so career at Boston College but convinced the scouts he could do it in the NFL by outdueling Ed (Too Tall) Jones in the Senior Bowl.

Center John Schmitt, a longtime mainstay, will get the big challenge. Puetz will get a look at the position. John Mooring, who has been used at every offensive line position in his three years with the Jets, will get a longer look. Also available is All-America Bill Wyman, the gritty if undersized star from Texas.

The stable areas belong to right tackle Winston Hill and left guard Randy Rasmussen.

Riggins' mood is the key to the running attack. Emerson Boozer, even at his advanced age, 31, ran for 831 yards, blocked and caught well. But he's no speed burner any more. Riggins could make a big difference.

The subs are willing guys like Hank Bjorklund and Mike Adamle.

The Jets don't enjoy the depth they once had among their receivers. Barkum caught 44

passes, Caster 35 and Bell 24 but after that the performances were lean.

Margene Adkins never has approached the stardom which was his in Canada. His inconsistencies override his speed. David Knight played little as a rookie. In the draft receiver Bill Buckley of Mississippi State came in the 11th.

Backing up Namath will be Al Woodall again. Bill Demory, the "disaster" quarterback of a year ago, is still on hand.

Defensively the Jets could be upgraded in two places by the draft. Carl Barzilauskas, the huge Indiana tackle, must step in right away to justify his price tag. When the World Football League signed John Elliott and flirted with Barzo, the Jets reportedly paid the rookie more than they gave Namath in 1965. The other would-be starter is Godwin Turk, the head-hunter from Southern U. He is considered a sensation third-round pick.

Unfortunately there are not enough Barzos and Turks around because the Jets need reupholstering at more than two places.

The linebacking, once a Jet fortress, is third rate. Middle backer Al Atkinson shook his many injuries just long enough to start five games in '73. He is

CHRIS FARASOPOULOS, safety, tries for recovery from knee surgery.



EMERSON BOOZER, nine-year vet, gained 831 yards and blocked well.



BOBBY HOWFIELD improved on kick-offs, now hopes to better FG total.



flirting with retirement now. If he can't go, John Ebersole takes over. Turk challenges Ralph Baker on the left side. Bill Zapalac, the special-team's handyman, also is stationed there. Sophomores Bill Ferguson and Rob Spicer, neither of whom were impressive as rookies, have the right side to themselves.

Winner also picked up Jamie Rivers, one of his old Cardinal players, in a trade.

Neal and Barzilauskas should keep the middle of the defensive line in fairly good shape, with help from John Little and Steve Thompson. The ends do not cast fear into many hearts, with Mark Lomas on one side and Ed Gallagher on the other, backed by Joe Jackson. Most of them are young, however, and could sprout under the new regime.

The secondary is respectable.

Most NFL watchers will tell you Earlie Thomas is among the more underrated players, a solid corner. Howell did a decent job on the other side, even though he has a tendency to be stung deep now and then. Rich Sowell is the experienced backup.

Burgess Owens should become an NFL star at strong safety in time. He was a fine rookie. Phil Wise plays the free side but he's the weak link. Chris Farasopoulos should beat him out if his knee surgery mended properly. Steve Tannen and Rocky Turner also have experience back there, with Tannen able to double as a corner. Rookie Roscoe Word is listed as a free safety but the little guy

was drafted mainly for his kick-return talents.

Place kicker Bobby Howfield had another good year as a field goaler, connecting on 17 of 24. Punter Julian Fagin was last in the NFL with a 37.1-yard average and he is under seige. His principal challenge comes from Greg Gantt, who averaged 48 yards a kick with Alabama in his senior year.

1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Howfield, 78 points on 27 XP, 17 field goals		9th
RUSHING —Boozer, 182 carries for 831 yds., 4.6 Avg., 3 TDs		9th
PASSING —Woodall, 101 in 201 attempts for 1228 yds., 9 TDs		5th
RECEIVING —Barkum, 44 receptions for 810 yds., 6 TDs		8th
INTERCEPTIONS —Howell, 4 for 76 yds., 19.0 Avg.		10th
PUNTING —Fagin, 74 punts, 37.1 Avg., longest 58 yds.		13th
PUNT RETURNS —Farasopoulos, 14 for 111 yds., 7.9 Avg.		11th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Adkins, 31 for 615 yds., 19.8 Avg.		17th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	3 AT Denver (N)
	10 AT San Diego (N)
	17 NY Giants at New Haven, Conn.
	23 AT St. Louis (N)
	31 AT New Orleans (N)
Sept.	7 Oakland (Berkeley)

1974 SCHEDULE

		1973 Scores
Sept.	15 AT Kansas City	—
	22 AT Chicago	—
	29 AT Buffalo	7-9
Oct.	7 AT Miami (N)	3-31
	13 NEW ENGLAND	33-13
	20 BALTIMORE	20-17
	27 LOS ANGELES	—
Nov.	3 HOUSTON	—
	10 AT N.Y. Giants	—
	17 AT New England	9-7
	24 MIAMI	14-24
Dec.	1 SAN DIEGO	—
	8 BUFFALO	14-34
	15 AT Baltimore	34-10

JETS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
1	Adamle, Mike	RB	5-9	193	24	4	No'western
26	Adkins, Margene	WR	5-10	183	27	5	Henderson
62	Atkinson, Al	LB	6-2	230	31	10	Villanova
16	Baker, Ed	QB	6-2	200	26	2	Lafayette
51	Baker, Ralph	LB	6-3	228	32	11	Penn St.
83	Barkum, Jerome	WR	6-4	212	24	3	Jackson St.
7	Bell, Ed	WR	5-10	160	27	5	Idaho St.
40	Bjorklund, Hank	RB	6-1	200	24	3	Princeton
32	Boozer, Emerson	RB	5-11	205	31	9	Md. E-St.
30	Cambal, Dennis	TE	6-3	228	25	2	Wm. & Mary
88	Caster, Richard	TE	6-5	228	25	5	Jackson St.
6	Demory, Bill	QB	6-2	195	23	2	Arizona
55	Ebersole, John	LB	6-3	235	25	5	Penn St.
10	Fagin, Julian	P	6-3	205	26	5	Mississippi
19	Farasopoulos, C.	S	5-11	190	25	4	Brig. Young
58	Ferguson, Bill	LB	6-3	225	23	2	S. Diego St.
85	Gallagher, Ed	DE	6-4	260	23	3	UCLA
54	Harrell, Rick	C	6-3	238	23	2	Clemson
75	Hill, Winston	T	6-4	280	32	12	Tex. So'ern
20	Howell, Delles	CB	6-4	200	26	5	Grambling
3	Howfield, Bobby	K	5-9	180	37	7	None
86†	Jackson, Joe	DE-DT	6-4	270	25	3	N. Mex. St.
82	Knight, David	WR	6-1	182	23	2	Wm. & Mary
57	Little, John	DT	6-3	250	27	5	Oklahoma
84	Lomas, Mark	DE	6-4	250	26	5	No. Ariz.
42	McClain, Cliff	RB	6-0	212	26	5	S.C. State
71	Mooring, John	T-C	6-6	255	27	4	Tampa
12	Namath, Joe	QB	6-2	200	31	10	Alabama
81	Neal, Richard	DT-DE	6-3	260	26	6	Southern
22	Owens, Burgess	S	6-2	200	23	2	Miami
74	Parrish, Bob	DT	6-5	245	23	1	Duke
78	Puetz, Garry	G-T	6-3	255	22	2	Valparaiso
66	Rasmussen, Randy	G	6-2	267	29	8	Kearney
44	Riggins, John	RB	6-2	230	25	4	Kansas
52	Schmitt, John	C	6-4	250	31	11	Hofstra
46	Sowells, Rich	CB	6-0	185	25	4	Alcorn A&M
59	Spicer, Rob	LB	6-4	238	23	2	Indiana
76	Svlhus, Bob	T-G	6-4	245	31	10	So. Calif.
21	Tannen, Steve	S-CB	6-1	194	26	5	Florida
50†	Taylor, Mike	LB	6-1	223	24	3	Michigan
45	Thomas, Earlie	CB	6-1	190	28	5	Colo. St.
87	Thompson, Steve	DT	6-5	250	29	6	Washington
29	Turner, Rocky	WR-S	6-0	199	24	3	Chattanooga
27	Wise, Phil	S	6-0	190	25	4	Omaha
72	Woods, Robert	T	6-3	255	24	2	Tenn. St.
18	Woodall, Al	QB	6-5	194	28	6	Duke
53†	Zapalac, Bill	LB	6-4	225	26	4	Texas

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
65	Baker, Buck	G	6-4	241	25	Georgia
77	Barzilauskas, C.	DT	6-6	265	23	Indiana
31	Bird, Eugene	CB	6-1	171	22	So. Miss.
23	Bond, Jerry	S	6-3	210	25	Weber St.
86†	Brister, Willie	TE	6-4	224	22	Southern
79	Browne, Gordon	T	6-5	265	22	Boston Col.
24	Buckley, Bill	WR	6-0	163	22	Miss. St.
33	Burns, Robert	RB	6-3	212	22	Georgia
68	Fountain, Greg	G	6-4	235	22	Miss. St.
17	Gamble, Ken	P	5-11	166	24	Fayetteville
8	Gantt, Greg	P-K	5-11	188	22	Alabama
43	Jackson, Clar.	RB	5-8	167	22	West. Ky.
36	Lightfoot, Larry	RB	6-0	180	23	Livingston
61	Lowrey, Doug	G-C	6-2	247	23	Ark. State
89†	Piccone, Louis	WR	5-9	175	25	W. Liberty
63	Roach, Travis	G	6-2	260	24	Texas
70	Rydalch, Ron	DT	6-4	260	22	Utah
11	Svarc, Ron	P-K	6-2	208	27	Riverside
53†	Tate, John	LB	6-2	217	21	Jackson St.
73	Thomas, Ed	DT	6-4	250	25	Lebanon Val.
56	Turk, Godwin	TE	6-3	230	23	Southern
89†	Veazey, Butch	LB	6-3	221	24	Mississippi
47	Word, Roscoe	KR	5-11	163	22	Jackson St.
50†	Wyman, Bill	C	6-2	240	21	Texas

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PITTSBURGH STEELERS

CHUCK NOLL, Coach.

Assistants: Lionel Taylor, Bud Carson, Dan Radakovich, Lou Riecke, Dick Hoak, George Perles, Paul Uram, Woody Widenhofer.

PREDICTION 1ST

A funny thing happened to the Steelers on their way to establishing a dynasty.

They suddenly developed some formidable chinks in their reputation.

Almost two thirds into the 1973 season Pittsburgh appeared to be near invincible. Only the Minnesota Vikings had a better record with just five weeks to go. Then Denver, Cleveland and Miami took turns using the Steeler chin for target practice and before the Pittsburghers could right themselves Cincinnati had won the Central Division championship.

The playoffs were a humbling time, too. Oakland embarrassed the Steelers in a one-sided game.

The question is: Can Pittsburgh make it back to a dominant position in the division? The answer: Yes.

Last year there was a scourge of injuries in the skill positions. Franco Harris, the miracle man of '72, was a mere part-time full-back due to injuries. Down the stretch both wide receivers, Ron Shanklin and Frank Lewis, wore red crosses. Possibly the most damaging hurts were those inflicted upon first quarterback Terry Bradshaw and then his backup, Terry Hanratty.

Coach Chuck Noll can't believe there will be a concentration of injuries like that this year.

If there aren't, look for the Steelers to move ahead of Cincinnati in the standings.

Despite some sporadic play last season the Pennsylvanians still have a defense which ranks with the best in the NFL. Tackle Joe Greene did not have one of his better seasons but it would be difficult to find an opposing coach who did not rank the big fellow with the best two or three

defensive linemen in Christendom. Big Joe still forces opposing offenses to tailor their game plan to avoid him.

For most of the season there was a hefty segment of NFL opinion that Ernie (Fats) Holmes, the tackle who beat a sniper rap the spring before to get back into uniform, was the best defensive lineman Pittsburgh had last season. Since end Dwight White regularly joins Greene on all-star teams and L. C. Greenwood is considered a first-class end, that not only was a high

compliment but an indication of the caliber of the Steeler front four.

Jack Ham is another Steeler whose '73 season was something less than his performance the year before. But Ham still ranks as the young linebacker held in the highest regard in the American Conference. His partner, Andy Russell, is getting a bit long in the tooth but the Pittsburgh brass thinks he has some productive seasons left.

The enemy strategists still think middle backer Henry Davis

RON SHANKLIN, Pittsburgh's All Pro wide receiver, makes one of his 10 touchdown receptions, this one in a 17-9 triumph over Oakland Raiders.





L.C. GREENWOOD, Steeler stickout defensive end, manhandles opposition.

is the man to attack. Davis is another whose '73 play took a dip.

In a surprise move Noll peddled corner John Rowser to Denver last winter. The coach candidly admitted he should have been playing Jimmy Thomas there the year before, which amounts to do-it-yourself second guessing. Noll confessed after the season that Rowser's deficiencies in covering man-for-man inhibited the Steelers from blitzing.

Thomas was '73's No. 1 draft choice. He has all the necessary qualifications—speed, size, background in college. He should have been getting more experience last year, however.

The rest of the secondary appears fairly solid. Mel Blount earns growing respect at the other corner. Mike Wagner is a competent strong safety and Glen Edwards won the free safety assignment after a year of serving mostly as the extra defensive back in special defenses.

Essentially, the success of the Pittsburgh defense depends on the amount of pressure applied by the front four. When Greene and his colleagues are playing at their best that pressure can be considerable.

Just one other American Conference team, Denver, scored more points than the Steelers last

year. But maintaining that kind of production probably depends upon how healthy Bradshaw stays. Despite Hanratty's part-time heroics and the promise of young Joe Gilliam, Bradshaw remains the unquestioned Numero Uno.

Harris' infirmities kept him far below his rookie pace, but in the last half of the season the Steelers felt he ran at his 1000-yard pace. He finished with 698 yards and his per-carry average slipped from 5.6 to 3.7.

There will be a fight to see who runs with him. Frenchy Fuqua had an off year, but he's still regarded as a quality back in the NFL. Preston Pearson was on the trading block over the winter but he finished as the No. 2 rusher with 554 yards and a 4.2-yard average. Fuqua gained 457 yards.

The outsider is Steve Davis, a big guy with Harris' size and a lot of his speed and skill. Davis has been around for three seasons and this may be the one when he explodes. There's an interesting rookie, a genuine sleeper. His name is Dicky Morton and he was drafted on round 11. He isn't the biggest or fastest guy around, but he's super tough. Some pro scouts thought he could be a safety.

Shanklin was having a spec-



TERRY BRADSHAW tossed 89 passes for 1183 yards and 10 TDs last year.

tacular season before his injury. His 23.7-yard average on 30 catches led the league. He has a history of making big plays. A third of his catches went for touchdowns.

His opposite number, Lewis, has super potential. But he also has a penchant for getting hurt. Last year was disasterville. So Coach Chuck Noll covered his bets by drafting Southern California's pass-receiving ace, Lynn Swann. Swann also was one of college football's best punt returners.

Noll also can rely on little Barry Pearson, who filled in well under tough conditions last year. Chuck Dicus and Dave Davis also have experience. Glenn Scolnik has sketchy experience. The draft also bought John Stallworth of Alabama A&M, a big talent.

The quality drops off at the tight end position. John McMakin and Larry Brown fought it out last year but the attack seems to call for someone better. The

highest drafted rookie was Scott Garske of Eastern Washington, who was picked on the seventh round.

The offensive line is a strong one. Guard Bruce Van Dyke went to the Pro Bowl again and the Pittsburgh brass looks upon Sam Davis as his equal. In back of them is Gerry Mullins, a college tight end at Southern California who started at offensive tackle in 1972. Mel Holmes has experience and the top rookie guard is North Carolina's Rick Druschel.

The Steelers have an odd situation at center. Jim Clack and Ray Mansfield split the duty. Rookie Mike Webster of Wisconsin could challenge Mansfield if the veteran shows signs of age. The tackles are Job Kolb and Glen Ray Hines. The latter is an ex-New Orleans Saint by way of Oakland. If Gordon Gravelle licks his knee injury he could challenge either starter. Another North Carolinian, Allen Sitterle, was the highest drafted rookie.

The Steelers' case rests, basically, with the ability of its defense to make things happen. The offense has not yet reached full maturity. If the team is to make the kind of bid it made in 1972, it will be up to Greene, White and their pals to create the proper situations.

Last year the Pittsburgh defense caused 55 turnovers on interceptions and fumbles. The Steelers led the QTC in interceptions for the second straight season, stealing 37. That's caused by the ferocious pass rush. There were 18 fumble recoveries.

There is depth in that vital line. Tom Keating, the ex-Oakland star, virtually shares one tackle with Holmes when he isn't hurting. Steve Furness is a kid with a lot of promise as a tackle. Craig Hanneman is a seasoned spare for the ends. The highest drafted rookies are end James Wolf of Prairie View and tackle Charlie Davis of Texas Christian.

Ed Bradley backs up Davis at middle linebacker, with George Webster and young Loren Toews on the outside. Someone may have to give way for a top rookie, tall Jack Lambert of Kent State.

FRANCO HARRIS gained 698 yards rushing despite injuries last season.



He was the team's No. 2 draft pick. Purdue's Mark Gefert also came in the draft.

Subs in the secondary include experienced John Dockery at corner along with rookie Jim Allen of UCLA. Dennis Meyer is the top sub at safety, although Dockery can also play there.

1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Gerela, 123 points on 36 XP, 29 field goals	1st
RUSHING —Harris, 188 carries for 698 yds., 3.7 Avg., 3 TDs	12th
PASSING —Bradshaw, 89 in 180 attempts for 1183 yds., 10 TDs	9th
RECEIVING —Shanklin, 30 receptions for 711 yds., 10 TDs	17th
INTERCEPTIONS —Wagner, 8 for 134 yds., 16.8 Avg.	2nd
PUNTING —Walden, 62 punts, 41.1 Avg., longest 57 yds.	5th
PUNT RETURNS —Edwards, 34 for 336 yds., 9.9 Avg.	6th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Davis, 15 for 404 yds., 26.9 Avg.	5th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 3 AT New Orleans (N)	
12 CHICAGO (N)	
17 AT Philadelphia (N)	
24 N.Y. GIANTS (N)	
30 AT Washington (N)	
Sept. 5 AT Dallas (N)	

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10	AT Cincinnati	7-19
17	AT Cleveland	16-21
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14	CINCINNATI	20-13



MIKE WAGNER, strong safety, made 8 interceptions for 134 yards in '73.

STEELERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
20	Bleier, Rocky	RB	5-11	210	28	6	Notre Dame
47	Blount, Mel	CB	6-3	205	26	5	Southern
38	Bradley, Ed	LB	6-2	239	24	3	Wake Forest
12	Bradshaw, Terry	QB	6-3	218	25	5	La. Tech
87	Brown, Larry	TE	6-4	229	25	4	Kansas
50	Clack, Jim	C	6-3	250	26	4	Wake Forest
	Davis, Dave	WR	6-0	175	26	4	Tenn. St.
53	Davis, Henry	LB	6-3	235	31	7	Grambling
57	Davis, Sam	G	6-1	255	30	8	Allen
35	Davis, Steve	RB	6-1	218	24	3	Del. State
	Dicus, Chuck	WR	6-0	175	25	3	Arkansas
29	Dockery, John	CB	6-0	185	29	7	Harvard
27	Edwards, Glen	S	6-0	185	27	4	Fla. A&M
33	Fuqua, John	RB	5-11	205	27	6	Morgan St.
64	Furness, S	DT-DE	6-4	255	23	3	Rhode Island
10	Gerela, Roy	K	5-10	185	26	6	N. Mex. St.
17	Gilliam, Joe	QB	6-2	187	23	3	Tenn. St.
71	Gravelle, Gordon	OT	6-5	250	25	3	Brig. Young
75	Greene, Joe	DT	6-4	275	27	6	N. Tex. St.
68	Greenwood, L.C.	DE	6-6	245	27	6	Ark. AM&N
59	Ham, Jack	LB	6-1	225	25	4	Penn. St.
67	Hanneman, C.	DT	6-3	240	25	3	Oregon St.
5	Hanratty, Terry	QB	6-1	210	26	6	Notre Dame
32	Harris, Franco	RB	6-2	230	24	3	Penn. St.
	Hines, Glen Ray	OT	6-5	265	30	9	Arkansas
63	Holmes, Ernie	DT	6-3	260	26	3	Tex. So'ern
77	Holmes, Mel	G	6-3	251	24	4	N.C. A&T
	Keating, Tom	DT	6-2	247	31	11	Michigan
55	Kolb, Jon	OT	6-3	262	27	6	Okl. St.
43	Lewis, Frank	WR	6-1	196	27	4	Grambling
56	Mansfield, Ray	C	6-3	260	33	12	Washington
89	McMakin, John	TE	6-3	232	23	3	Clemson
	Meyer, Dennis	S	5-11	186	24	2	Arkansas
72	Mullins, Gerry	G-OT	6-3	244	25	4	So. Calif.
83	Pearson, Barry	WR	5-11	185	24	3	No'western
26	Pearson, Preston	RB	6-1	205	29	8	Illinois
34	Russell, Andy	LB	6-2	225	32	10	Missouri
	Scolnik, Glenn	WR	6-3	190	23	2	Indiana
25	Shanklin, Ron	WR	6-1	190	26	5	N. Tex. St.
	Thomas, James	CB-S	6-2	196	23	2	Florida St.
	Toews, Loren	LB	6-3	212	22	2	California
66	Van Dyke, Bruce	G	6-2	255	30	9	Missouri
23	Wagner, Mike	S	6-1	210	25	4	West. Ill.
39	Walden, Bobby	P	6-0	190	36	11	Georgia
90	Webster, George	LB	6-4	220	28	8	Mich. St.
78	White, Dwight	DE	6-4	255	25	3	E. Tex. St.

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Allen, Jim	DB	6-2	194	22	UCLA
Conn, Rich.	DB-WR	6-0	185	23	Georgia
Daniels, Quincy	RB	6-1	196	26	Cincinnati
Davis, Charlie	DT	6-1½	276	22	TCU
Druschel, Rick	OT	6-2	248	22	N.C. St.
Garrett, Reg.	WR	6-1	172	22	East. Mich.
Garske, Scott	TE	6-4	230	22	East. Wash.
Gefert, Mark	LB	6-2	210	22	Purdue
Grandoni, C.	DT	6-2½	235	22	Long Beach
Green, Mark	LB	6-3	215	22	Nevada
Grossman, Curt	TE	6-1	215	21	Temple
Henley, Bruce	DB	6-1	177	22	Rice
Huell, Bobby	WR	5-10	200	24	Alcorn A&M
Hunt, Larry	DT	6-0	240	22	Iowa State
King, John	RB	6-1	200	22	Minnesota
Kolch, Frank	QB	6-4	225	23	East. Mich.
Kotar, Doug	RB	5-10½	205	23	Kentucky
Kregel, Jim	OG	6-1	237	22	Ohio St.
Lambert, Jack	LB	6-4½	215	22	Kent St.
Lickiss, Hugh	LB	6-4	226	22	Simpson
Moore, Larry	DE	6-2½	235	23	Angelo St.
Morgan, Octavus	LB	6-2½	212	21	Illinois
Morton, Dickey	RB	5-10	176	22	Arkansas
Pemberton, G.	DB	6-1	185	23	Boston U.
Reamon, Tom	RB	5-9	200	22	Missouri
Releford, Billy	RB	6-1	195	22	N.E. Okla.
Ross, Fred	G	6-2½	255	22	Miami (Fla.)
Shell, Donnie	DB	5-11	190	22	S.C. State
Sitterle, Allen	OT	6-3½	260	22	N.C. State
Stallworth, John	WR	6-2	183	22	Ala. A&M
Swann, Lynn	WR	5-10½	178	22	So. Calif.
Vincent, Stahle	WR	6-1	195	24	Rice
Webster, Mike	C	6-1½	232	22	Wisconsin
Wolf, Jim	DE	6-2½	230	22	Pr. View

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CINCINNATI BENGALS

PAUL BROWN, Coach.

Assistants: John Donaldson, Bill Johnson, Chuck Studley, Bill Walsh, Howard Brinker, Chuck Weber.

PREDICTION 2ND

The Bengals are the team nobody knows.

Hidden out there in the mid-west with a roster populated by faceless men, this is a club often overlooked by the general public.

But they made the playoffs last year, battled Miami as sternly as anyone did and, as usual, strengthened themselves in the draft.

They stunned the Pittsburgh Steelers by winning the Central Division championship last season, beating the Steelers in Cincinnati and coming close in the rematch in Pittsburgh.

It will be an upset if the two rivals don't battle as sternly this year.

The young Cincinnati defense is better and the offense, while it scored only 286 points last year, fewer than any other play-off team, deserves closer scrutiny by the fans. In their last four games, after sputtering along for most of the season, here is what the Bengals did:

Cincinnati 42, St. Louis 24

Cincinnati 27, Minnesota 0

Cincinnati 34, Cleveland 17

Cincinnati 27, Houston 24.

That's latent firepower.

The reason it didn't appear sooner is easily explained.

The Bengals are in possession of major offensive talent, but a lot of it was at the diaper stage for most of the season. A lot of NFL watchers felt Bengal wide receiver Isaac Curtis and full-back Boobie Clark, his teammate, were 1 and 1A as far as 1973 rookies are concerned.

Then, too, quarterback Ken Anderson is fuzzy cheeked and just now is acquiring the kind of polish needed to make it big in the majors.

But when they rolled, they rolled in a big way.

In the next-to-last game of the regular season, the Anderson-Curtis combination literally blew



KEN ANDERSON, getting good protection here, completed 179 passes for 2428 yards and 10 touchdowns for Cincinnati Bengals during '73 season.

the Cleveland Browns out of Riverfront Stadium. Anderson connected with his rookie battery mate five times for 117 yards and three touchdowns.

The next Sunday, when they needed a victory to stay in first place and win a place in the playoffs, the Anderson-Curtis partnership exploded again. Isaac took in touchdown receptions of 77 and 67-yards. Anderson went 15 of 23 for 293 yards.

With such a spectacular air weapon, the Bengals should be all the more potent in 1974. They proved they have a ground game last year when Clark, a 14th-round draft choice who had been a college tight end, ran for 988 yards while speedy Essex Johnson ripped off 997 in 59 fewer carries.

The plan was for Doug Dressler, a heavy-duty back like Clark, to start in the backfield with Boobie. But then Dressler suffered a knee injury which required surgery. Paul Brown would have liked to spot Johnson, who is not a durable player. Instead he was forced to play Essex full time.

The stubby speedster was worn down near the end of the season and later suffered a knee injury which required off-season surgery.

Dressler is said to be back in good shape this season but those original '73 plans may be altered if second-round draftee Charley Davis produces as a lot of scouts feel he will. Davis was a super sophomore at Colorado, then tapered off as a junior and, at times, was demoted as a senior.

But the pros admire him extravagantly. They think he will locate his best days when he starts seeing pay checks.

Curtis' experience won't be the only thing to expand the Bengal passing game. Tim George may be advanced enough in his second season to back up speedy Charley Joiner on the other side. Bob Trumpy is still a popular figure on the pro bowl ballots but it would not be a total shock if second-year tight end Al Chandler beats him out.

The Bengals are skilled and deep in the offensive line.

Cincinnati coaches felt Vernon Holland was worthy of a

place on all-pro teams. The 275-pounder is equally adept at opening holes or protecting the passer. Rufus Mayes, his tackle partner, is another good one. Bob Johnson starts his seventh season as the regular center. Pat Matson has been a regular guard since the expansion days with Howard Fest and John Shinnners serving as Paul Brown's messenger guards.

Tom DeLeone backs up at center and guard. Stan Walters, a '72 starter held out last year by hepatitis, is the third tackle. The draft produced two potential dandies, Nebraska guard Daryl White and Syracuse tackle Dave Lapham.

The receiving will be even more skilled if Chip Myers, the good possession catcher, recovers from his injuries. The draft brings Richard Williams from Abilene Christian and John McDaniel from Lincoln.

Dressler returns to help the backfield situation. Also back there is Lenvil Elliott, who stepped in for Johnson late in the season. Haskel Stanback, the Tennessee star, was a fifth-round draftee. Joe Wilson played some as a rookie.

The Bengals chose a strange No. 1 draftee. They selected a defensive tackle, Bill Kollar. Kol-

lar is a certified blue-chip prospect, but the Bengals already have a ferocious front.

Best known of the bunch is Mike Reid, the piano-playing tackle. The quick-as-a-flash ex Penn Stater was a Pro-Bowler again even though injuries laid him a bit low. He may be the best interior pass rusher in the NFL.

His underrated colleague is Ron Carpenter, the rugged North Carolinian who plays the run so well. End Royce Berry is the defensive captain and makes the big plays. Sherman White has super ability but sometimes he's not sure he should use it. If Kollar breaks in during his first year it could be caused by White's discontent.

There are two veteran backups—Ken Johnson and Steve Chomyszak, who is signed with the WFL's Philadelphia Bell for 1975. Kollar is not the only rookie aspirant. Louisville's Richard Bishop was drafted in the fifth round.

The Bengals pitch for Bill Bergey as the all-pro middle linebacker, even though he'll desert them for the WFL's Norfolk Ambassadors in '76. Few men have as much balance and equal skill against the run and the pass.

Alongside Bergey the Bengals



BILL BERGEY, Bengals' 243-pound linebacker, moves in for the kill.



PARRISH, BEAUCHAMP and CASANOVA, Bengal defenders, converge on Giants' powerful VIN CLEMENTS.

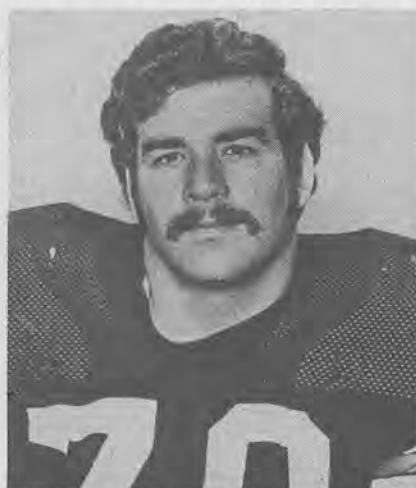
BOOBIE CLARK, running back, was fans' pick as top AFC rookie in '73.



ISAAC CURTIS proved self as fine wide receiver during his first season.



RON CARPENTER, 6-4, 261, is unsung member of Cincy's front four.



have rugged Ron Pritchard and another tough guy, Al Beauchamp. Beauchamp has been starting since the Bengals came into existence. The backups for the outside guys are dependable Ken Avery and Jim LeClair with Doug Adams and Tim Kearney in the middle.

Evan Jollitz, a hometown star from the University of Cincinnati, was the top-drafted line-backer. He came in the third round.

If there is to be a change in the secondary it probably will come at strong safety, where Neal Craig's tackling deficiencies make him a target for speedy Bernard Jackson.

The corners and free safety are in stable hands. Lemar Parrish is a near all-pro at one corner with dependable Ken Riley at the other. Tom Casanova missed five games due to injury and didn't play as well as he did as a rookie, but he still led the team in interceptions with four. He could rebound in a big way.

Bob Jones is a spare defensive back and William Bryant was a star at Grambling. He came in Round 6 of the draft.

Special teams are a Paul Brown hallmark. Casanova and Parrish are skilled punt returners. Jackson and Parrish do a fine job returning kickoffs. Place kicker Horst Muhlmann kicked 21 field goals in 31 attempts. Punter Dave Lewis averaged 41 yards.

The Bengals should know

early whether they'll be in the thick of another AFC-Central fight. They meet Cleveland in the season opener at Riverfront Stadium, then play a rugged October schedule which features three straight toughies—Washington and road games against the Browns and Oakland.

If they get through that thicket the big one should be the season finale in Pittsburgh Dec. 14.

1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Muhlmann, 94 points on 31 XP, 21 field goals	5th
RUSHING —Johnson, 195 carries for 997 yds., 5.1 Avg., 4 TDs	3rd
PASSING —Anderson, 179 in 329 attempts for 2428 yds., 18 TDs	3rd
RECEIVING —Curtis, 45 receptions for 843 yds., 9 TDs	5th
INTERCEPTIONS —Casanova, 4 for 33 yds., 8.3 Avg.	16th
PUNTING —Lewis, 68 punts, 41.0 Avg., longest 60 yds.	7th
PUNT RETURNS —Parrish, 25 for 200 yds., 8.0 Avg.	9th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Jackson, 21 for 520 yds., 24.8 Avg.	12th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 3 MIAMI (N)
10 PHILADELPHIA (N)
16 AT Atlanta (N)
26 DETROIT (N)
Sept. 1 Cleveland at Columbus O.
6 Green Bay at Milw. (N)

1974 SCHEDULE

Sept. 15 CLEVELAND	10-17
22 SAN DIEGO	20-13
29 AT San Francisco	—
Oct. 6 WASHINGTON	—
13 AT Cleveland	34-17
20 AT Oakland	—
27 HOUSTON	24-10
Nov. 3 AT Baltimore	—
10 PITTSBURGH	19-7
17 AT Houston	27-24
24 KANSAS CITY	14-6
Dec. 2 AT Miami (N)	—
8 DETROIT	—
14 AT Pittsburgh	13-20

BENGALS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
52	Adams, Doug	LB	6-1	222	24	4	Ohio St.
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-2½	211	25	4	Augustana
51	Avery, Ken	LB	6-0½	227	30	8	So. Miss.
58	Beauchamp, Al	LB	6-2	237	30	7	Southern
66	Bergey, Bill	LB	6-2	243	29	6	Ark. St.
82	Berry, Royce	DE	6-4	250	28	6	Houston
29	Blackwood, Lyle	S	6-0	189	23	2	TCU
70	Carpenter, Ron	DT	6-4	261	26	5	N.C. State
37	Casanova, Tom	S	6-2	202	24	3	LSU
81	Chandler, Al	TE	6-2	233	23	2	Oklahoma
79	Chomyszak, S.	DT	6-6	265	30	8	Syracuse
35	Clark, Charles	RB	6-2	245	23	2	B.-Cookman
	Clark, Wayne	QB	6-3	203	27	4	U.S. Int'l.
12	Cook, Greg	QB	6-4	215	27	3	Cincinnati
88	Coslet, Bruce	TE	6-3	227	27	6	U. Pacific
34	Craig, Neal	S	6-1	191	26	4	Fisk
85	Curtis, Isaac	WR	6-1	193	23	2	S. Diego St.
50	Deleone, Tom	C	6-2	252	24	3	Ohio St.
44	Dressler, Doug	RB	6-3	228	26	4	Chico St.
36	Elliott, Lenvil	RB	6-0	200	23	2	N'eat: Mo.
17	Ernst, Mike	QB	6-1	190	24	3	Fullerton
72	Fest, Howard	T	6-6	262	28	7	Texas
89	George, Tim	WR	6-5	225	22	2	Carson-New.
41	Green, Dave	P	5-11	200	24	1	Ohio U.
76	Holland, Vernon	T	6-6	268	26	4	Tenn. St.
23	Jackson, Bernard	CB	6-0	173	24	3	Wash. St.
54	Johnson, Bob	C	6-5	262	27	7	Tennessee
19	Johnson, Essex	RB	5-9½	201	27	7	Grambling
80	Johnson, Ken	DE	6-6	265	27	4	Indiana
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	188	26	6	Grambling
32	Jones, Bob	S	6-1	194	23	2	Va. Union
56	Kearney, Tim	LB	6-2	227	24	3	No. Mich.
55	Leclair, Jim	LB	6-2½	226	24	3	No. Dakota
15	Lewis, Dave	P	6-2	225	29	5	Stanford
73	Matson, Pat	G	6-1	245	30	9	Oregon
71	Mayes, Rufus	T	6-5	260	25	6	Ohio St.
16	Muhlmann, Horst	K	6-1½	219	34	6	None
25	Myers, Chip	WR	6-5½	210	29	7	N.W. Okla.
20	Parrish, Lemar	CB	5-11	185	26	5	Lincoln
60	Pritchard, Ron	LB	6-1	235	27	6	Ariz. St.
74	Reid, Mike	DT	6-3½	255	26	5	Penn St.
13	Riley, Ken	CB	5-11½	181	26	6	Fla. A&M
64	Shinners, John	G	6-3	255	27	6	Xavier
78	Thomas, Lee	DE	6-5	240	28	4	Jackson St.
84	Trumpy, Bob	TE	6-6	228	28	7	Utah
75	Walters, Stan	T	6-6	270	25	3	Syracuse
83	White, Sherman	DE	6-5	255	25	3	California
46	Wilson, Joe	RB	5-10	210	23	2	Holy Cross

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Kollas, Bill	DT	6-3½	254	21	Montana St.
Davis, Charles	RB	5-11	205	22	Colorado
Lapham, Dave	T	6-3½	255	22	Syracuse
Jollitz, Evan	LB	6-2½	225	22	Cincinnati
White, Daryl	G	6-3	252	22	Nebraska
Williams, Rich.	WR	5-11	173	22	Ab. Christ.
Stanback, H.	RB	6-0	205	21	Tennessee
Bishop, Richard	DT	6-0½	275	23	Louisville
Bryant, William	DB	6-0	193	22	Grambling
Sawyer, Ken	DB	6-0	186	22	Syracuse
McDaniel, John	WR	6-0	185	22	Lincoln
Johnson, Ed	DE	6-5	240	22	SMU
Herd, Chuck	WR	6-0	201	23	Penn St.
Kezirian, Ed	T	6-3½	250	21	UCLA
McClinton, Rudy	DB	6-2	193	21	Xavier
Jornov, Ted	LB	6-1	225	22	Iowa St.
Phillips, Mike	DE	6-2	230	21	SMU
Jackson, Isaac	RB	5-11	185	21	Kansas St.
Smith, Jim	RB	6-2	200	22	N.C. Central
Maddox, Bob	DE	6-5	240	23	Frostburg
Williams, Ed	RB	6-2	250	24	Langston



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CLEVELAND BROWNS

PREDICTION 3RD

Art Modell is a great football fan but he wasn't enjoying what he was watching on television at playoff time last season.

What he was seeing was Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. Modell owns the Cleveland Browns. The Bengals and Steelers are in their division, the Central of the American Conference. They both finished ahead of the Browns.

"We're not accustomed to sitting out the playoffs," said Modell. "And we don't like it."

Modell is considered one of the league's most benevolent owners but his impatience is a message there for both coaches and players.

The Browns have high standards of excellence. They failed only twice since the playoff system was inaugurated to qualify for them. They won 7, lost 5 and tied one in '73, a respectable record, but they caved in down the

stretch, failing to win in December.

How much different can it be in '74?

Unless Mike Phipps makes giant strides as a quarterback, unless some new punch can be put into the running game, unless more stable linebacking can be developed Modell may be sentenced to another frustration-filled year end.

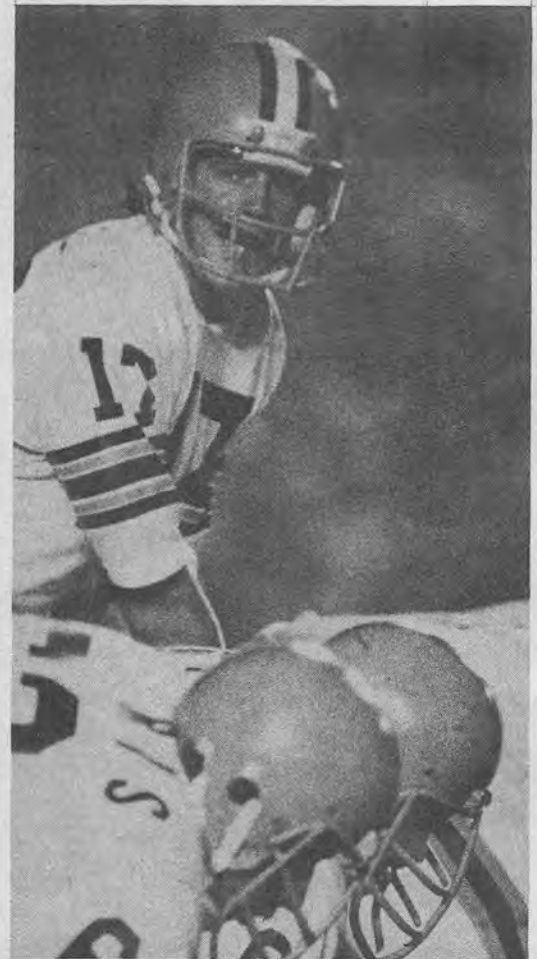
The trouble with the Browns is that they don't have any players who make things happen. They have competent ones. You don't win seven games in the NFL without competent ones. But Cleveland went through 14 games last year without a runner or receiver or passer destroying someone. None of their defensive players ripped up anyone in an extraordinary manner.

The Bengals and Steelers have those kind of guys. Pittsburgh has Joe Greene and Franco Harris and Ron Shanklin and Dwight

JERRY SHERK, defensive tackle, put the arm on Lion QB GREG LANDRY.



NICK SKORICH, Coach.
Assistants: Dick Modzelewski, Forrest Gregg, Fran Polsfoot, Al Tabor, Dale Lindsey, Richie McCabe, Dick Wood.



MIKE PHIPPS may yet put it all together as Cleveland Browns' signalcaller.

White. The Bengals knock your eyes out with Isaac Curtis and Mike Reid and Boobie Clark and Bill Bergey.

No Brown finished high in any significant statistical category. Except one.

That one could make some difference in 1974. He's Greg Pruitt, the little back from Oklahoma. You have to bet that Nick Skorich is kicking himself that he didn't use Pruitt as a regular in his offensive backfield early in the season. If he isn't, then Modell must be kicking himself that Skorich didn't do it.

Pruitt was big in punt returns and kickoffs most of the season, but until they allowed him to play a key role in a late game



GREG PRUITT, the Oklahoma swift who was used primarily as punt and kickoff returner in the past, gets shot at starting running back job.

against Pittsburgh it didn't seem to dawn on the Browns that he might be the man to arouse them. He made two big plays that day and Cleveland upset the Steelers.

But even if the ex-Oklahoma ace is stationed in the starting backfield from the start, the Browns still need a lot more.

For starters they could use a game-breaking wide receiver. They thought they had him in the last draft when they tapped Steve Holden on their first pick. But the ex-Arizona State All-America was a bitter disappointment. He hardly played as a

rookie and the alarming news was that his principal trouble was in catching the ball.

With Leroy Kelly, the longtime running star, battling age and Bo Scott, his running mate, battling injuries there is a great deal of trouble in the so-called skill position.

Since the Browns had traded away their No. 1 draft choice in a talent-slim year they don't have much hope of reupholstering their running or receiving from that route. Best hope is Billy Pritchett, the huge fullback from West Texas State, but he has a twin problem: a gimpy knee and

a tendency to carry 10 or 15 pounds more than he should.

Brown watchers felt Phipps, another disappointing player in '73, would benefit from a sound quarterback coach. When Mike got the club into the playoffs in '72 he had the benefit of advice from veteran Bill Nelsen, whose infirmities had confined him to the bench. But last year Nelsen became an assistant coach at New England and Phipps was out a confidante.

Skorich took measures to help that by hiring Dick Wood, a veteran quarterback in the National League who has been coaching in college, to not only tutor the quarterbacks but to co-ordinate the offense.

The most effective running was done by an unheralded back, Ken Brown. He led the club with 537 yards. But Pruitt averaged 6 yards a carry in his brief workouts and, clearly, is the man to watch in '74. Leroy Kelly was being urged to retire by a lot of his admirers. The old warhorse slipped down to the mediocre level last year.

Bo Scott, plagued by injuries, appeared only briefly. Ex-Canadian star High McKinnis was a disappointment. Billy Lefear is another back to watch. He averaged 5.2 yards per trip in spot use.

The starring wide receivers, Fair Hooker and Frank Pitts, averaged a disappointing 10.9 and 10.2 per reception. Gloster Richardson, the veteran picked up at mid-season, did a little better. But if improvement comes it is likely to come through Holden's rehabilitation or the development of kids like Bob Herrick, the rookie from Purdue.

Tight end Milt Morin returned to his old form. He caught 26 balls for a 16-yard average and blocked up to his form. With veteran backup Chip Glass battling injuries, Ken Smith got to play a little bit as a rookie.

Phipps' backup at quarterback is Don Horn, who has long experience in Green Bay and Denver.

One of the big offensive problems is putting a sound offensive line on the field. The tackles, Doug Dieken and Bob McKay, are young and experienced, but



WALTER JOHNSON (right) is among batch of Browns who stop 49er back.



BOB McKAY, 6-5, 260, is tower of strength at one offensive tackle post.

veteran guard Gene Hickerson retired and his opposite number, John DeMarie, missed half the season due to injuries. Hickerson's replacement will be Pete Adams, who was ticketed for the job last year. But Adams, the former Southern California star who was a first-round pick in '73, tore up a knee and didn't play at all.

Bob DeMarco is 35 and in his 13th pro season, but he played well for the Browns ever since they picked him as a free agent after Miami let him go. Jim Copeland, who also plays guard, is the backup center.

Chuck Hutchison and Chris Morris have some experience at guard and tackle. Bubba Pena, a big guard, has been hexed by injuries since turning pro. The best rookies are two Big-Teners, center-tackle Gerry Sullivan of Illinois and guard Dan Scott of Ohio State.

The big disappointment was losing the top draft pick, offensive tackle Billy Corbett, to Toronto of the Canadian League.

Don Cockroft kicked 22 of 31 field goals and averaged 40.5 yards on 82 punts.

Richie McCabe, the fiery defensive backfield coach, has been put in charge of the entire defense. It could make a huge difference for the Browns.

McCabe formed a respectable

unit with his specialty. The corners, Clarence Scott and Thom Darden, are as good as any young pair in the league. Clifford Brooks and Jim Stienke are a couple of kids maturing in back of them. The big news last year was the arrival of hard-hitting safety Van Green. His partner is the seasoned Walt Sumner. Now Tennessee's Eddie Brown will try to win employment as a rookie.

One of the many holes in the linebacking corps was patched with the acquisition of ex-Charger Bob Babich to play the middle. Billy Andrews, Charley Hall and John Garlington have experience on the outside. Mel Long and Jim Romaniszyn played a little.

Tackles Walt Johnson and Jerry Sherk still anchor the defensive line. What the Browns need is an end, maybe two of them to bother passers on a regular basis. Turkey Jones does it sometime, but not often enough. Nick Roman and Bob Briggs are in the journeyman class. There might be room for a rookie, Mark Ilgenfritz of Vanderbilt. Carl Barasich got his feet wet in his freshman year.

1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Cockroft, 90 points on 24 XP, 22 field goals	7th
RUSHING —Brown, 161 carries for 537 yds., 3.3 Avg.	18th
PASSING —Phipps, 148 in 299 attempts for 1719 yds., 9 TDs	10th
RECEIVING —Pitts, 31 receptions for 317 yds., 4 TDs	16th
INTERCEPTIONS —C. Scott, 5 for 71 yds., 14.2 Avg., 1 TD	7th
PUNTING —Cockroft, 82 punts, 40.5 Avg., longest 71 yds.	8th
PUNT RETURNS —Pruitt, 16 for 180 yds., 11.3 Avg.	4th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Pruitt, 16 for 453 yds., 28.3 Avg.	3rd

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 2 AT Los Angeles (N)	
12 SAN FRANCISCO (N)	
17 Baltimore at Tampa (N)	
24 WASHINGTON (N)	
Sept. 1 Cinn. at Columbus, O.	
7 AT Detroit (N)	

1974 SCHEDULE	1973 Scores
Sept. 15 AT Cincinnati	17-10
22 HOUSTON	23-13
29 AT St. Louis	—
Oct. 6 OAKLAND	7-3
13 CINCINNATI	17-34
20 AT Pittsburgh	6-33
27 DENVER	—
Nov. 3 AT San Diego	16-16
10 AT New England	—
17 PITTSBURGH	21-16
24 BUFFALO	—
Dec. 1 SAN FRANCISCO	—
7 AT Dallas	—
15 AT Houston	42-13

BROWN'S VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
75	Aldridge, Allen	DE	6-6	245	29	3	Pr. View
52	Andrews, Billy	LB	6-0½	220	29	8	SE La.
60	Babich, Bob	LB	6-2	231	27	5	Miami (O.)
74	Barasich, Carl	DT	6-4	255	23	2	Princeton
84	Briggs, Bob	DT	6-4	258	29	7	Heidelberg
23	Brooks, Clifford	CB	6-1	190	25	3	Tenn. St.
30	Brown, Ken	RB	5-10	203	29	5	None
12	Cockroft, Don	K	6-1	195	29	7	Adams St.
64	Copeland, Jim	C-G	6-2	243	29	8	Virginia
27	Darden, Thom	CB	6-2	195	24	3	Michigan
61	DeMarco, Bob	C	6-2	248	36	14	Dayton
65	Demarie, John	G	6-3	246	29	8	LSU
73	Dleken, Doug	T	6-5½	254	25	4	Illinois
50	Garlington, John	LB	6-1	218	28	7	LSU
83	Glass, Charles	TE	6-4	235	27	6	Florida St.
21	Green, Van	S	6-1	192	23	2	Shaw U.
59	Hall, Charles	LB	6-3½	225	26	4	Houston
88	Holden, Steve	WR	6-0½	198	23	2	Arizona St.
43	Hooker, Fair	WR	6-1	195	27	6	Arizona St.
13	Horn, Don	QB	6-2	195	29	8	S. Diego St.
67	Hutchison, Chuck	G	6-3	250	26	5	Ohio St.
71	Johnson, Walter	DT	6-4	265	32	10	L. Angeles
80	Jones, Joe	DE	6-6	250	26	4	Tenn. St.
26	Lefear, Billy	RB	5-11	197	24	3	Henderson
53	Long, Mel	LB	6-0½	228	28	3	Toledo
78	McKay, Bob	T	6-5	260	27	5	Texas
37	McKinnis, Hugh	RB	6-0½	215	26	2	Arizona St.
89	Morin, Milt	TE	6-4	236	32	9	Mass.
62	Morris, Chris	T	6-3	250	25	3	Indiana
68	Pena, Robert	G	6-2	250	25	2	Mass.
15	Phipps, Mike	QB	6-3	205	27	5	Purdue
25	Pitts, Frank	WR	6-2	195	31	10	Southern
34	Pruitt, Greg	RB	5-10	190	23	2	Oklahoma
42	Richardson, G.	WR	6-2	200	32	8	Jackson St.
81	Roman, Nick	DE	6-3	244	27	5	Ohio St.
56	Romaniszyn, Jim	LB	6-2	224	23	2	Edinboro
22	Scott, Clarence	CB	6-0	180	25	4	Kansas St.
35	Scott, Robert	RB	6-3	215	31	6	Ohio St.
72	Sherk, Jerry	DT	6-4½	255	26	5	Okl. St.
85	Smith, Ken	TE	6-4	225	23	2	New Mexico
20	Stienke, Jim	CB	5-11	188	24	2	S.W. Tex. St.
29	Summer, Walt	S	6-1	195	27	6	Florida St.

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
69	Adams, Pete	G	6-4	260	23	So. Calif.
40	Anderson, P.	CB	6-1	183	23	Rice
54	Beams, Jeffrey	G	6-2	245	23	Ohio U.
36	Brandon, Henry	RB	5-11½	211	25	Southern
28	Brown, Eddie	S	5-11	180	22	Tennessee
55	Buchanan, C.	DT	6-2	252	22	S.W. Okla St.
57	Darrow, Barry	T	6-7	260	24	Montana
10	Gartner, Sven	K	6-0	170	24	Indiana
24	Gooden, Tom	S-K	6-1½	185	22	Harding
86	Herrick, Bob	WR	6-1	180	22	Purdue
31	Hunt, Bob	RB	6-1½	210	23	Heidelberg
77	Ilgenfritz, Mark	DE	6-4½	250	22	Vanderbilt
49	Lowe, Ron	WR	6-2	190	24	Ft. Valley
58	McNeil, Ron	DE	6-3	250	23	N.C. Central
39	Pritchett, Billy	RB	6-3½	230	23	W. Tex. St.
82	Puestow, Mike	WR	6-2	200	22	N. Dak. St.
63	Scott, Dan	G	6-2	260	22	Ohio St.
66	Seifert, Mike	DE	6-3	245	23	Wisconsin
87	Sims, Lester	DE	6-4	250	24	Alabama St.
17	Sipe, Brian	QB	6-1	195	25	S. Diego St.
33	Stevens, Jeff	RB	6-2½	232	25	Hillsdale
48	Sullivan, Dave	WR	5-11½	185	23	Virginia
79	Sullivan, Gerry	T	6-4	250	22	Illinois
51	Terrell, Ransom	LB	6-2	220	22	Arizona

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PREDICTION 4TH

The Houston Oilers are the soul of consistency. Miami wins 17 games one year, 15 the next. Green Bay drops from the playoffs to the sub-basement. The Giants are the toast of New York one year and as unpopular as a garbage strike the next.

But the Oilers keep toddling along. They win one game in 1972. They win one game in '73. They lose 13 in '72. They lose 13 in '73.

There is every possibility Houston can keep up that kind of steady work.

The college draft is the time when all of pro football's losers are supposed to recharge their batteries. The weak supposedly are to be made strong by drafting before the winners. Most of the time it works, believe it or not.

But at draft time last winter the Oiler scouts had their feet up on desks, reading *Playboy* and other such intellectual journals. Sid Gillman, the resident swami in the Astrodome, had traded away all but one of the team's premium picks.

That's okay. It works sometimes, as George Allen has proved on occasion. As Gillman pointed out, "We got our draft choices. They just came a year early and they were experienced when they got here."

That's the trouble. The guys Sid got for the draft choices were part of the last 1-13. Well, nobody's perfect.

Gillman, who came out of the general manager's office to collect the pieces after the team disintegrated under Bill Peterson, is sold on some of the Oilers' young talent, despite those dismal won-lost records.

The two men he got for his No. 1 pick are wide receiver Billy Parks and defensive lineman Tody Smith. Gillman



DAN PASTORINI, Oilers quarterback, completed 154 passes for 1482 yards and five touchdowns last season despite getting little offensive line protection.

coached both of them when he served as a special aide to Tom Landry in Dallas. In fact he had Parks in San Diego. Billy is not your ordinary, run-of-the-mill pro football player. He has more talent than run of the mill, in the first place. For another thing his concentration often drifts off to things more cosmic than the National Football League.

Tody's track record is almost as consistent as the Oilers' record. Big, big talent. Sometimes he puts it to use. He did for a while at Southern California and knocked them dead. He didn't in a brief stay at Michigan State and he didn't with Dallas. Off his first year in Houston the cynics are saying he may never do it again.

Sid's No. 2 pick went to Buffalo for Al Cowlings, who started in the Oiler defensive line without causing too much of a stir.

"We're going to make him an outside linebacker," says Sid. "We think he could be a really fine linebacker. That's where he belongs."

So much for the draft.

An examination of the Oiler roster reveals two positive things. One is that Gillman has two first-rate young quarterbacks on his payroll. The other is that there are a lot worse defensive lines than Houston's.

At least half the teams in the NFL would drool at the prospect of Dan Pastorini playing for them. He is big, strong, skilled and courageous. That last asset is a handy one if you are going to play behind Houston's offensive line.

Lynn Dickey recovered from a dislocated hip and completed almost 60 percent of his passes in a relief role. He, too, has many assets. The comeback from injury is testimony to his moxie.

Gillman's task is to provide for their safety. The Oiler quarterbacks were mugged 43 times last year and the shoddy protection accounts for many of Pastorini's 17 interceptions and Dickey's 10. Given adequate time, either man could shred a secondary.



FRED WILLIS has difficulty during 12-yard gain as Patriots' cornerback GEORGE HOEY holds on to face mask.

Parks and Ken Burrough, another receiver with considerable talent and a frequent reluctance to use it, split 86 receptions last year. Given time to maneuver, they are the type of catchers who could get into the end zone often. As it was Parks scored once and Burrough twice.

The Oilers could use a couple of running backs. Fred Willis led the league in pass catching, but his 57 receptions averaged only 6.5 yards. He rushed for 579. Bob Gresham, a speedy little guy, has his moments. He picked up 400 yards. But the best future bet might be George Amundson, one of last year's No. 1 draftees, who came out of Iowa State as a quarterback. The switch was tough for him last year. He carried only 15 times for 56 yards. But he could be an answer this year or next.

Paul Robinson jumped to the World Football League's Birmingham Americans after playing out his option. Gillman traded with Detroit for Mel Farr, but then Farr announced his retirement.

The Oilers will take a look at Bill Thomas, once Dallas' No. 1 pick, who has a chronic shoulder injury. Willie Rodgers missed all last season due to injury. Others around include Lewis Jolley and Al Johnson.

Burrough and Parks are backed up by Eddie Hinton, who once had a super year for the Baltimore Colts.

The makeup of the offensive line is almost a diagram on how to get yourself beaten. Elbert Drungo, Levert Carr and Tommy Funchess are the most experienced tackles and none of them has ever been mistaken for Bob Brown.

Gillman likes a youngster out of UCLA, Brian Goodman, at guard. Ex-Dolphin Al Jenkins, Solomon Freelon, Harris Jones, Ralph Miller and Ron Saul are others available. Bill Curry broke his leg before things got underway last year and there is worry about the veteran coming back all the way. Sid brought in an old Charger, 33-year-old Sam Gruneisen, to play after that. He also has Calvin Hunt and Ron Lou.

The big experiment switches defensive tackle Greg Sampson, a No. 1 draft choice two years ago, to offensive tackle. It would help if ex-Chief Sid Smith could shake the injury hex that has cursed his short pro career. The Oilers took a chance and claimed him on waivers.

Mack Alston is a journeyman tight end picked up in the Redskins trade. Sophomore Ron Mayo should give him a battle

BILL PARKS' good hands nabbed 43 passes, good for 581 yards, 1 TD.



for the job this season.

Place kicking is in the hands of Skip Butler, a gypsy throughout his not-too-successful pro career.

The defensive line may be Houston's strongest area. Elvin Bethea makes no bones about his unhappiness in an Oiler uniform,

TODY SMITH, 6-5 defensive end, failed to impress in '73 at Houston.



but he still plays well enough to coax double-team blocking from most foes. Smith is the other defensive end. He can be very good when the spirit moves him. John Matuszak was the No. 1 pick in the entire draft last year and won immediate employment at tackle. The Oilers feel there is no reason he won't develop into a super star within the next couple of years.

The other tackle spot is up for grabs as the result of another Gillman experiment. This one sends Cowlings, a defensive end for three seasons in Buffalo and a starting defensive tackle for the Oilers last season, to line-backer, a position he hasn't played before.

With Cowlings moved, the tackle spot could go to Mike Fanucci, another ex Redskin, or veteran Jim Dunaway, claimed off Miami's injured reserve list.

The most stable linebacking position may be the middle, where Greg Bingham nailed down a job in his rookie year. Dick Cunningham and Ralph Cindrich back him up. Gillman traded with New England for Steve Kiner, who has good days and bad ones. Paul Guidry and Guy Roberts also are available out there.

Zeke Moore and Willie Alexander are seasoned corners, but neither had good seasons last year. Benny Johnson and 32-year-old Alvin Haymond, whose

ELBERT DRUNGO brings experience, 265 pounds to offensive tackle post.



punt-return abilities increase his value under the new rules, also play the position.

There is a jumble at safety. Jeff Severson is a hitter and Joe Blahak had some moments when he got to play as a rookie. John Charles, Larry Carwell and Robert Atkins are experienced. Larry Eaglin played some in '73.

1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

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RUSHING —Willis, 171 carries for 579 yds., 3.4 Avg., 4 TDs	16th
PASSING —Pastorini, 154 in 290 attempts for 1482 yds., 5 TDs	11th
RECEIVING —Willis, 57 receptions for 371 yds., 1 TD	1st
INTERCEPTIONS —Roberts, 4 for 55 yds., 13.8 Avg.	13th
PUNTING —Butler, 36 punts, 37.3 Avg., longest 55 yds.	12th
PUNT RETURNS —Severson, 16 for 126 yds., 7.9 Avg.	12th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Gresham, 27 for 723 yds., 26.8 Avg., 1 TD	6th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	3 NY GIANTS (N)
	9 AT Washington (N)
	17 AT Dallas (N)
	26 ATLANTA (N)
	31 CHICAGO (N)
Sept.	7 NEW ORLEANS (N)

1974 SCHEDULE

Sept.	15 SAN DIEGO
	22 AT Cleveland
	29 KANSAS CITY
Oct.	6 PITTSBURGH
	13 AT Minnesota
	20 ST. LOUIS
	27 AT Cincinnati
Nov.	3 AT N.Y. Jets
	10 AT Buffalo
	17 CINCINNATI
	24 DALLAS
Dec.	1 AT Pittsburgh
	8 AT Denver
	15 CLEVELAND

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SOLOMON FREELON, 249 lbs., rates as contender for offensive line spot.



OILERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
19	Alexander, Willie	CB	6-3	190	24	4	Alcorn A&M
82	Alston, Mack	TE	6-3	235	26	5	Md. State
12	Amundson, G.	RB	6-3	215	23	2	Iowa St.
48	Atkins, Bob	S	6-3	210	27	7	Grambling
65	Bethea, Elvin	DE	6-2	255	27	7	N.C. A&T
54	Bingham, Gregg	LB	6-1	230	22	2	Purdue
27	Blahak, Joe	S	5-9	181	24	2	Nebraska
00	Burroughs, Ken	WR	6-3	210	25	5	Tex. So.
2	Butler, Skip	K	6-0	200	26	4	Arlington
63	Carr, Levert	T	6-2	260	27	6	No. Central
29	Carwell, Larry	S	6-1	181	29	8	Iowa St.
25	Charles, John	S	6-0	200	29	8	Purdue
55	Cindrich, Ralph	LB	6-1	230	24	3	Pittsburgh
76	Cowlings, Al	DT	6-5	255	26	5	So. Calif.
49	Cunningham, D.	LB	6-2	239	29	7	Arkansas
50	Curry, Bill	CB	6-2	235	32	10	Ga. Tech
10	Dickey, Lynn	QB	6-3½	210	24	4	Kansas St.
75	Drungo, Elbert	T	6-4	265	30	6	Tenn. St.
74	Dunaway, Jim	DT	6-4	277	32	12	Mississippi
26	Eaglin, Larry	S	6-3	193	25	2	S. F. Austin
67	Fanucci, Mike	DE	6-4	239	24	3	Arizona St.
24	Farr, Mel	RB	6-2	210	29	8	UCLA
69	Freelon, Solomon	G	6-2	249	23	3	Grambling
66	Funchess, Tom	T	6-5	270	29	7	Jackson St.
68	Goodman, Brian	G	6-2	250	24	2	UCLA
36	Gresham, Bob	RB	5-11	195	25	4	West Va.
57	Grunelsen, Sam	C	6-1	242	13	13	Villanova
58	Guidry, Paul	LB	6-3	227	29	9	McNeese
14	Hargett, Edd	QB	5-11	196	26	6	Texas A&M
23	Haymond, Alvin	SP	5-11	192	31	11	Southern
87	Hinton, Eddie	WR	6-0	200	26	6	Oklahoma
52	Hunt, Calvin	C	6-3	245	26	4	Baylor
72	Hunt, Kevin	T	6-5	260	25	3	Doane
60	Jenkins, Al	G	6-2	245	27	5	Tulsa
15	Johnson, Al	RB	6-0	200	23	3	Cincinnati
33	Johnson, Benny	CB	5-10	177	25	5	J. C. Smith
40	Jolley, Lewis	RB	6-0	208	24	3	N. Carolina
61	Jones, Harris	G	6-4	245	28	3	J. C. Smith
59	Kiner, Steve	LB	6-1	220	26	4	Tennessee
51	Lou, Ron	C	6-2	235	22	2	Arizona St.
78	Matuszak, John	DT	6-8	290	23	2	Tampa
80	Mayo, Ron	TE	6-3	223	23	2	Morgan St.
62	Miller, Ralph	G	6-3	260	25	3	Cal. Luth.
22	Moore, Zeke	CB	6-3	196	30	8	Lincoln
20	Parks, Billy	WR	6-1	190	25	4	Long Beach
7	Pastorini, Dan	QB	6-2½	205	24	4	Santa Clara
56	Roberts, Guy	LB	6-1	217	23	3	Maryland
18	Robinson, Paul	RB	6-0	195	29	7	Arizona
34	Rodgers, Willie	RB	6-1	210	24	3	Kentucky St.
73	Sampson, Greg	DT	6-6	280	23	3	Stanford
64	Saul, Ron	G	6-2	255	25	5	Mich. St.
37	Severson, Jeff	S	6-0	185	24	3	Long Beach
77	Smith, Sid	C-T	6-4	260	25	5	So. Calif.
70	Smith, Toddy	DE	6-5	245	25	4	So. Calif.
47	Stincic, Tom	LB	6-3	230	27	5	Michigan
28	Thomas, Bill	RB	6-2	225	24	3	Boston Col.
44	Willis, Fred	RB	6-0	205	26	4	Boston Col.
	White, Lee	RB	6-3	232	27	7	Weber St.

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
57	Browne, Ricky	LB	6-2	220	22	Florida
45	Fairley, Leonard	DB	6-0	196	22	Alcorn A&M
46	Johnson, Bill	SP-WR	5-9	170	21	Widener
84	Lyman, Brad	WR	6-0	189	23	UCLA
21	McCoy, Mike	DB	5-11	175	21	Western Ky.
53	Taylor, Steve	C	6-3½	235	22	Auburn
32	Williams, Matt	RB	5-9	204	22	No. east La.

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JOHN MADDEN, Coach.

Assistants: Ollie Spencer, Tom Dahms, Bob Zeman, Paul Roach, Don Shinnick, Tom Flores, Joe Scannella, Ken Herock.

PREDICTION 1ST

Someone suggested at the NFL owners meeting in Miami Beach last winter that the league was now composed of 25 teams, plus Miami. That was how much the Dolphins had out-classed the field.

"We can beat 'em," grimaced Al Davis, major domo of the Raiders, who were among the Dolphin victims in the last round of playoffs. "We beat 'em at our place early in the season and we can beat 'em on a neutral field."

"Everybody talks so much about how young **THEY** are. How about **US**? We're younger than they are and I think we can get better."

Davis and his Raiders are getting frustrated. They always are among the best teams in the AFC, but they haven't been in a Super Bowl since 1968, when Green Bay was still king and there was still an American Football League.

There is no doubt that the Raiders are a superior team. They have defense, an offensive line considered one of the league's strongest, excellent specialists, good receivers, sound running and a quarterback for the times, Ken Stabler.

If Miami falters, Oakland would seem to be the most-likely AFC club to make it to the Super Bowl.

The catalyst for the Raiders' strong bid last year was Stabler. At last, after years of fermenting, no small amount of doubt and uncertainty, the Snake was installed as No. 1, ahead of the longtime starter, Daryle Lamoni-

ca. There were games in which Stabler was absolutely phenomenal. In one contest against the Colts he hardly had an incomple-

tion. medium passer who is most effective against the zones most teams play today.

He adds something else. Running.

Stabler does not run much by design, except for an occasional quarterback draw or similar play. But he can move when troubled. His style is similar to Bob Griese's and the results are comparable.

The Raiders are triply fortified at quarterback. Besides Daryle and Stabler there is Don Milan, a youngster who has done almost as much fermenting as Stabler.

"We think he is an excellent

prospect," smirks Davis.

Without Lamoni-ca winding up for the long ball and with Raymond Chester, the highly-explosive tight end, shipped to Baltimore in the Bubba Smith deal, the Raiders are a far different offensive club than they were a few seasons ago.

Chester destroyed teams which granted double coverage to the dangerous outside receivers, Fred Biletnikoff and Mike Siani. With Chester departed, the new tight end is Bob Moore. Moore is a competent player but he isn't going to singe many good defenses.

"You double cover our wide



MIKE SIANI, star Raider receiver, dives, but misses pass in AFC playoff as Steelers' MIKE WAGNER and JACK HAM (59) join in. Raiders won 33-14.

receivers and we'll go up the middle on you," says Davis.

He means run.

Oakland does not have great runners, but it does possess some grade-A ones. Marv Hubbard is a punishing fullback, a fellow who will get you the tough, vital yards most of the time. Hubbard gets into the Pro Bowl by sheer hard work. His biggest drawback is that he is not a first-class receiver and the Raider offense works best when the quarterback is able to throw to all his backs in almost any given situation.

At one time last year there was strong word around the league that the Raiders were trying to trade with the Jets for John Riggins, whose catalogue of skills include a good pair of hands. But that never materialized. So the prospect is to play Hubbard, enjoy his power and live with his receiving limitations.

Charley Smith, Hubbard's running mate, is a competent runner and a good receiver. But the man playing behind Smith, Clarence Davis, may be among the most underrated players in the league. He could get a much larger dose of action in '74.

Handyman Pete Banaszak is still on the bench and the Raiders made Gary Van Eeghen, the Colgate power runner, their third draftee. But the prize may come later. Davis gambled in the sixth

round and selected James McAlister, UCLA's great runner who already had signed with the new World Football League.

"We may have drafted the best player on the board in the sixth round," admits Davis.

Biletnikoff caught 48 passes, Siani 45 and Moore 34, creating a nice balance. Young Cliff Branch, the blazer from Colorado, is still the most interesting sub. When the Raiders want to call long distance, they dial Cliff. Steve Sweeney is the other experienced wide receiver.

Ex-Steeler Warren Bankston is the backup tight end but he will have to battle to keep that assignment. The Raiders made Notre Dame All-America Dave Casper their No. 2 draftee. Many scouts suggested that Casper would be a guard or tackle in the pros, but Oakland will keep him at his college position.

The first four Raider draftees, incidentally, are offensive players. Florida A&M tackle Henry Lawrence was No. 1, Colgate fullback Mark Van Eeghen No. 2 and Ohio State's Morris Bradshaw, a halfback, No. 4.

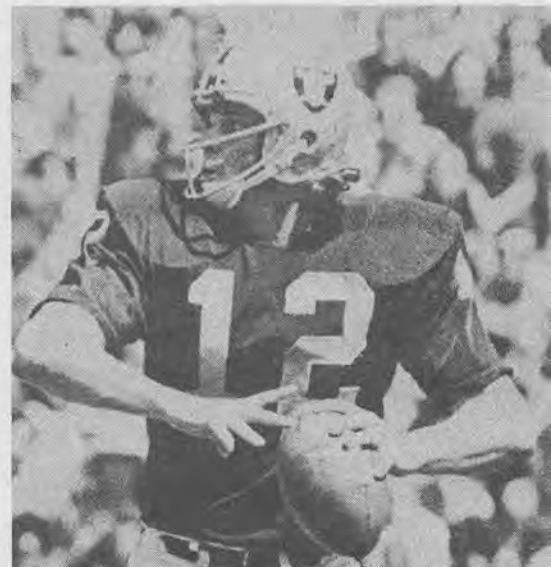
Lawrence won't be playing for a while. It's not Oakland's style to play many rookies, especially in the offensive line. The Raiders' line is loaded with seasoned talent anyway.

Jim Otto returns for season 15

at center. All-pro Gene Upshaw starts season No. 8 at guard with his partner, George Buehler, starting season 6. When his aging and aching legs allow him, Bob Brown is still a tackle of excellence. Art Shell is younger and more consistent on the other side. When Brown can't go, young John Vella steps in.

If the 36-year-old Otto shows signs of wear and tear Coach John Madden has Dave Dalby to step in. Dalby has apprenticed for three seasons at both center and guard. Paul Seiler can play both tackle and center.

With the WFL apparently having Stabler and Lamonica locked up for the future, Davis moved quickly to make sure Milan stays with him. Milan has



KEN STABLER comes off big year, hitting on 62.7 percent of passes.

CHARLIE SMITH was a prime mover for Raiders with 682 yards rushing.



GEORGE BLANDA returns for 25th year of pro football after scoring 100 points on a record 23 field goals and 31 extra points during 1973.



been hidden on the Raider taxi squad for two years but the general NFL consensus is that he could be a first-rate quarterback. That George Blanda fellow still swears he can play, even at age 46.

Blanda kicked 23 of 33 field goals in his 24th season as a pro. Don't count him out on his silver anniversary.

Defensively the Raiders are as tough as anyone.

Davis traded Chester for Bubba Smith last year, then big Bubba couldn't break into the lineup. Madden has four young studs up there. Horace Jones quick-footed Bubba out of there. Tony Cline is versatile enough to function as the end-linebacker in the Raiders' version of Miami's 53 defense.

The heart of the Raider defense are the quick tackles. Otis Sistrunk and Art Thoms. Their inability to stop the Miami running attack should by no means be considered a show of weakness. No one stopped the Dolphin attack. But no one else ran on Oakland as the Fish did.

Bubba is the No. 1 challenger to alter the look of the line, but Kelvin Korver, the big kid from Northwestern of Iowa, is considered a comer by the brass. Ben Davidson also is on the roster but he hasn't played in three years.

If middle backer Dan Connors keeps holding up the Raiders' linebacking will remain among the strongest in the league. Increasing numbers of all-pro voters are recognizing Phil Villapiano but Gerald Irons was as good as most anyone last year, his first full season as a starter.

Irons may eventually end up back in the middle when Monte Johnson, the ex-Nebraska tackle, matures fully as an outside linebacker. Joe Carroll and Gary Weaver are others with experience.

Willie Brown is 33 now, but when quarterbacks try to find out if he can still play corner as he used to, they sometimes find out painfully. Ask Terry Bradshaw, the Steeler ace who tested Willie in the playoffs. Brown took the pass all the way back



RAY GUY ranked second in AFC among punters with 45.3-yd. average.

1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS		
SCORING —Blanda, 100 points on 31 XP, 23 field goals	4th	
RUSHING —Hubbard, 193 carries for 903 yds., 4.7 Avg., 6 TDs	8th	
PASSING —Stabler, 163 in 260 attempts for 1997 yds., 14 TDs	1st	
RECEIVING —Biletnikoff, 48 receptions for 660 yds., 4 TDs	4th	
INTERCEPTIONS —Atkinson, 3 for 48 yds., 16.0 Avg.	24th	
PUNTING —Guy, 69 punts, 45.3 Avg., longest 72 yds.	2nd	
PUNT RETURNS —Atkinson, 41 for 336 yds., 1 TD	8th	
KICKOFF RETURNS —Davis, 19 for 504 yds., 26.5 Avg.	8th	

Pre-Season Games	
Aug. 3	SAN FRANCISCO (N)
10	NEW YORK JETS (N)
17	St. Louis at Memphis (N)
24	NEW ENGLAND (N)
31	LOS ANGELES (N)
Sept. 7	AT Minnesota (N)

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22	KANSAS CITY	37-7
29	AT Pittsburgh	9-17
Oct. 6	AT Cleveland	3-7
13	SAN DIEGO	27-17
20	CINCINNATI	—
27	AT San Francisco	—
Nov. 3	AT Denver	23-23
10	DETROIT	—
17	AT San Diego	31-3
24	DENVER	21-17
Dec. 1	NEW ENGLAND	—
8	AT Kansas City	3-16
14	DALLAS (N)	—

the other way to break open the game. Nemiah Wilson is almost as experienced on the other side. Skip Thomas is the relief man.

If Jake Scott wasn't hogging the headlines, Jack Tatum would get a lot more recognition. The Miami star keeps the ex Ohio State great off the all-pro teams. George Atkinson starts his sixth season as the strong safety.

Jackie Allen and Tom Maxwell are vets listed on the roster but there is room for someone like Ken Pope of Oklahoma or Pete Wessell of Northwestern, both draftees.

The Raiders made no mistake by drafting punter Ray Guy No. 1 last year. He finished second by a mere whisker behind Kansas City's Jerrell Wilson as the NFL's top kicker. His kickoffs soared, too.

RAIDERS' VETERAN ROSTER

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27	Allen, Jackie (a)	DB	6-1	190	26	5	Baylor
43	Atkinson, George	DB	6-0	180	27	7	Mor. Brown
40	Banaszak, Pete	RB	5-11	210	30	9	Miami
46	Bankston, W.	TE	6-4	235	27	6	Tulane
25	Biletnikoff, Fred	WR	6-1	190	31	10	Florida St.
16	Blanda, Geo.	QB-K	6-2	215	46	25	Kentucky
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76	Brown, Bob	T	6-4	280	32	11	Nebraska
24	Brown, Willie	DB	6-1	195	33	12	Grambling
64	Buehler, George	G	6-2	260	27	6	Stanford
51	Carroll, Joe	LB	6-1	220	24	3	Pittsburgh
84	Cline, Tony	DE	6-3	244	26	5	Miami
55	Connors, Dan	LB	6-1	230	32	11	Miami
50	Dalby, Dave	C-G	6-2	240	23	3	UCLA
83	Davidson, B.	DE-DT	6-8	280	34	12	Washington
28	Davis, Clarence	RB	5-10	200	25	4	So. Calif.
4	Guy, Ray	K	6-3	190	24	2	So. Miss.
44	Hubbard, Marv	RB	6-1	225	28	6	Colgate
36	Hudson, Bob	RB	5-11	205	25	3	No. eastern
86	Irons, Gerald	LB	6-2	230	27	5	Md. E. Shore
58	Johnson, Monte	LB	6-4	235	22	2	Nebraska
82	Jones, Horace	DE	6-3	255	25	4	Louisville
33	Kopay, Dave (b)	RB	6-0	218	32	11	Washington
71	Korver, Kelvin	DT	6-6	270	25	2	No. western
3	Lamonica, Daryle	QB	6-3	215	33	12	Notre Dame
42	Maxwell, Tom	DB	6-2	195	27	6	Tex. A&M
88	Moore, Bob	TE	6-3	220	25	4	Stanford
00	Otto, Jim	C	6-2	255	36	15	Miami
47	Queen, Jeff	RB-TE	6-1	217	28	6	Morgan St.
65	Seller, Paul	C-T	6-4	260	28	6	Notre Dame
78	Shell, Art	T	6-5	265	27	7	Md. E. Shore
49	Siani, Mike	WR	6-2	195	24	3	Villanova
60	Sistrunk, Otis	DT	6-4	255	26	3	None
77	Smith, Bubba	DE	6-7	265	28	7	Mich. St.
23	Smith, Charlie	RB	6-0	205	28	7	Utah
12	Stabler, Ken	QB	6-3	215	28	5	Alabama
89	Sweeney, Steve	WR	6-3	205	23	2	California
32	Tatum, Jack	DB	5-11	200	25	4	Ohio St.
26	Thomas, Alonzo	DB	6-1	205	24	3	So. Calif.
80	Thoms, Art	DT	6-5	260	27	6	Syracuse
63	Upshaw, Gene	G	6-5	255	29	8	Tex. A&I
75	Vella, John	T	6-4	255	24	3	So. Calif.
41	Villapiano, Phil	LB	6-1	222	25	4	Bowl. Green
20	Warren, Jimmy	DB	5-11	175	35	11	Illinois
52	Weaver, Gary	LB	6-1	224	25	2	Fresno St.
48	Wilson, Nemiah	DB	6-0	165	31	10	Grambling

(a) Allen missed entire 1973 season because of injury.
(b) Kopay last active with Green Bay in 1972.

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15	Milan, Don	QB	6-2	190	24	Cal Poly (SLO)
18	Gaydos, Kent	TE	6-6	215	24	Florida St.
29	Arnold, Chris	DB	6-0	200	21	Va. State
30	van Eeghen, M.	RB	6-1	215	22	Colgate
34	Hart, Harold	RB	5-11	200	22	Tex. So. ern
35	Pope, Kenith	DB	5-11	200	22	Oklahoma
37	Gonzalez, Noe	RB	6-1	210	23	So. west Tex.
38	Richardson, E.	RB	6-3	230	24	Southern
39	Mathis, Greg	DB	6-2	195	22	Idaho St.
45	Wessel, Pete	DB	6-1	190	22	No. western
70	Lawrence, Henry	T	6-3	255	22	Fla. A&M
79	Medlin, Dan	G	6-3	260	24	N.C. State
81	Brawshaw, M.	WR	6-0	198	21	Ohio St.
87	Casper, Dave	TE	6-3	240	22	Notre Dame

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Height: 6-3 Weight: 237 Born: 12-25-46

Lawrence Richard "Hunk"

CSONKA

Offense: Fullback (5)

Defense: 5

Pass Receiving: C-3-1(3)

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22-16- 9-12 42-34-34-34 62-36-36-36

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DENVER BRONCOS

PREDICTION 2ND

John Ralston used to be an instructor in the Dale Carnegie course before he decided his future lay with quarterbacks and safeties and Xs and Os.

He told the Denver Broncos that "you, too, can dare to be great," when he assumed command of the perennial punching bags three years ago.

The Broncos snickered a bit. They had been in business since 1960 and they thought .500 had something to do with high society.

But Ralston kept working on them. He did other things besides cooing to their psyches. He brought in talent like quarterback Charley Johnson, wide receivers Haven Moses and Dave Washington, drafted studs like Riley Odoms and Marv Montgomery.

JOE DAWKINS raced for 706 yards and had 30 catches for 329 yards.



CHARLEY JOHNSON veteran, sparked Denver offense with 20 TD tosses.

Last season everyone in Denver was willing to enroll in Ralston's course. "Great," would be stretching a point. But "good" was the word for the Broncos.

They won 7, lost 5 and tied 2. It was the first time they experienced the joy of a winning season in their entire history. They were 7-7 back in 1963 but that was tempered by a long losing streak which closed the season.

This one was exciting to the end. The Broncos were a whisker away from winning the championship of the American Conference's Western Division before Oakland outlasted them, 21-17, in the final game of the season. Willie Brown's interception stopped the Broncos' late bid late in the game.

"The Oakland Raiders are still our measuring stick of excellence in our division," says Ralston. "They were four points better than we were in our two games."

The teams tied on Jim Turner's last second field goal in a pulsating Monday-night game in their first meeting. If the Raid-

JOHN RALSTON, Coach.
Assistants: Joel Collier, "Doc" Urich, Bob Gambold, Max Coley, Myrel Moore, Jerry Frei, Kay Dalton.

ers falter much in '74 it could be fatal.

The reason is that the Broncos appear to be a team which will get better and better.

They are young. They can score. Their defense is acquiring sharper teeth. Ralston's way is becoming imbedded in them.

Those are four solid reasons why they'll get better.

Their point production, which soared in Ralston's first year when he traded for Johnson, went up again, 29 points worth, in 1973. The Broncos averaged 319.5 yards a game and only Oakland and Cincinnati did better in the AFC.

Odoms had a lot to do with the increased efficiency. Riley, the team's No. 1 draft choice three years ago, did no better than share the tight end assignment with veteran Billy Masters in his rookie year. But Riley soared in '73. He had the job all to himself, caught 43 passes, averaged a solid 14.6 yards a catch and caught seven touchdown passes—some of them vital.

A great many of the all-pro teams selected at the end of the season contained his name.

Moses came to the Broncos in the middle of the '72 season and really didn't get into the flow of things until the end of the season when he caught five touchdown passes in the final three games. He picked up where he left off last year, with 8 of his 28 receptions resulting in touchdowns.

Ralston made another successful trade last year, acquiring Gene Washington from Minnesota. Jerry Simmons played ahead of him and caught more passes but Washington caught three touchdown passes.

Moses averaged 18.5, Simmons 19.2 and Washington 15 yards in an era when the zone is conceded to have snuffed out the long pass.

The big worry is Johnson.

It's not Charley's ability. He



RILEY ODOMS blossomed last year, catching 43 passes, 7 for scores.

has shown it in spades during his two years in Denver. It's that he went through two consecutive seasons without an injury after a seige of serious hurts in Houston and St. Louis.

The Broncos got a taste of what life is like without him when he got knocked cold in the finale against Oakland. Steve Ramsey, his substitute, does not give a good impersonation of the old boy.

Charley threw for 20 touchdown passes in '73 and the Broncos led the AFC in passing.

Ace running back Floyd Little just missed another 1000-yard season, rushing for 979 yards in 256 attempts. But Johnson made liberal use of him as a receiver. Floyd caught 41 for 423 yards.

The ex Syracuse star still knows the way to the end zone. He made it 13 times, 12 by rushing.

It was expected that last year's No. 1 draftee, Otis Armstrong, might break into the lineup as Little's running mate but instead Joe Dawkins gave Ralston an exceptional season, running for 706 yards and catching 30 passes for 329.

It doesn't hurt Joe to have Armstrong pushing him.

The reserves are sound. Actually Simmons' blocking ability is



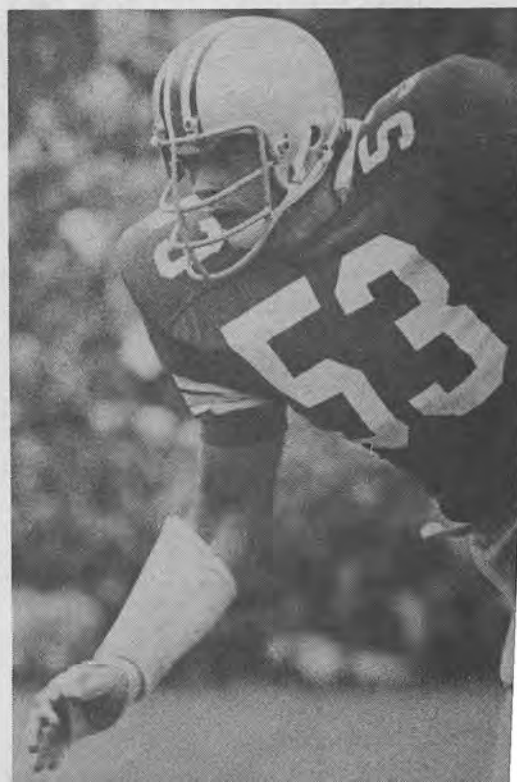
FLOYD LITTLE (44), Denver's elusive running back, turns corner behind blocking of massive offensive tackle LARRON JACKSON (68) for big gain.

what put him in the starting lineup ahead of Washington last year, even though the challenge may be too much for Simmons this season. Billy Masters has been a starter at tight end. Jeff Baker is a clever little wide receiver. John Winesberry of Stanford is the top rated rookie wide receiver.

Bob Anderson once was a starter at running back. Fran Lynch is well schooled. The most exciting newcomer is Jon Keyworth, a big talent whose career at Colorado was pocked by constant injuries. The Broncos got him in a trade with Washington.

The offensive line is well regarded. Guard Larron Jackson is on the verge of stardom. If Marv Montgomery is fully recovered from a broken leg, he can play with anyone. Mike Current is a consistently good grader at the other tackle.

RANDY GRADISHAR, All-America, at Ohio State was No. 1 draft pick.





MARV MONTGOMERY is on comeback trail after suffering broken leg.



BARNEY CHAVOUS was a starter at defensive end in his rookie year.



LYLE ALZADO has become one of most awesome tacklers in league.

Tommy Lyons beat out Paul Howard at guard last year but will have trouble with the sophomore this time. Mike Schnitker is an experienced sub. Bobby Maples does well at center. Jackson played tackle when Montgomery was injured, with Schnitker starting. George Goeddeke, who can play center or guard, returns after a couple of injury-cursed years and the draft brings huge Claudie Minor from San Diego State.

The Broncos still have a top defensive line. Paul Smith is regarded by some as the best tackle in the league. Lyle Alzado is an assassin from his end position. Pete Duranko has been a mainstay for years at tackle and Barney Chavous moved in immediately as a regular end in his rookie season. Best bet for help is from Carl Wafer, the Tennessee State tackle drafted No. 2.

Ralston fortified his sagging linebacker corps with two ex-Colts, Ray May and Bill Laskey. They are the incumbent starters on the outside. Tom Graham was a headhunter in the middle. The No. 1 draft choice was Ohio State's Randy Gradishar, projected as a middle backer in the pros. If he produces right away, Graham may be moved over to challenge Laskey. When Laskey got hurt late in the year Tom Jackson moved in. Other experienced spares include Mike Simone, Chip Myrtle and Ken Criter.

Bill Thompson is the top hand in the secondary at strong safety. Calvin Jones made the all-

rookie team at one corner. The other side gets down to a battle between Leroy Mitchell and ex Steeler John Rowser, who came in a trade. Charles Greer plays weak safety. John Pitts and Maurice Tyler are seasoned subs. Rookie Ozzie Collier bids for work at corner.

Jim Turner was an excellent 22-for-33 in field goals while Bill Van Heusen had his best year as a punter, averaging 45.1.

1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Turner, 106 points on 40 XP, 22 field goals	3rd
RUSHING —Little, 256 carries for 979 yds., 3.8 Avg., 12 TDS	5th
PASSING —Johnson, 184 in 346 attempts for 2465 yds., 20 TDs	4th
RECEIVING —Odoms, 43 receptions for 629 yds., 7 TDs	9th
INTERCEPTIONS —Jones, 4 for 69 yds., 17.3 Avg.	12th
PUNTING —Van Heusen, 69 punts, 45.1 Avg., longest 78 yds.	3rd
PUNT RETURNS —Thompson, 30 for 366 yds., 12.2 Avg.	2nd
KICKOFF RETURNS —Armstrong, 20 for 472 yds., 23.6 Avg.	13th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 3	N.Y. JETS (N)
10	MINNESOTA (N)
18	AT San Francisco
24	AT Green Bay (N)
31	New Eng. at Spokane Wash.
Sept. 8	AT ATLANTA

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22	PITTSBURGH
30	AT Washington (N)
Oct. 6	AT Kansas City
13	NEW ORLEANS
20	SAN DIEGO
27	AT Cleveland
Nov. 3	OAKLAND
10	AT Baltimore
18	KANSAS CITY (N)
24	AT Oakland
28	AT Detroit
Dec. 8	HOUSTON
15	AT San Diego

BRONCOS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
77	Alzado, Lyle	DE	6-3	265	25	4	Yankton
11	Anderson, Bobby	RB	6-0	212	27	5	Colorado
24	Armstrong, Otis	RB	5-10	196	23	2	Purdue
73	Askea, Mike	T	6-4	260	23	2	Stanford
82	Baker, Jeff	WR	6-0	182	27	1	S. Diego St.
79	Chavous, Barney	DE	6-3	252	23	2	S.C. St.
	Coleman, Ralph	LB	6-4	216	23	2	N.C. A&T
53	Criter, Ken	LB	5-11	223	27	6	Wisconsin
74	Current, Mike	T	6-4	270	29	8	Ohio St.
33	Dawkins, Joe	RB	6-2	223	26	5	Wisconsin
76	Domres, Tom	DT	6-3	260	28	7	Wisconsin
55	Duranko, Pete	DT	6-2	250	29	8	Notre Dame
	Frazier, Marv	WR	6-0	182	23	1	Cheyney
67	Goeddeke, Geo.	G	6-3	253	29	8	Notre Dame
58	Graham, Tom	LB	6-2	235	24	3	Oregon
63	Grant, John	DE	6-3	235	24	2	So. Calif.
20	Greer, Charles	DB	6-0	205	28	7	Colorado
	Hepburn, Lonnie	CB	5-11	180	26	3	Tex. So'ern
60	Howard, Paul	G	6-3	260	24	2	Brig. Young
14	Hufnagel, John	QB	6-1	194	23	1	Penn St.
	Humphrey, Tom	C	6-6	260	23	1	Ab. Christ.
62	Inman, Jerry	DT	6-2	256	34	7	Oregon
68	Jackson, Larron	T	6-3	270	25	4	Missouri
57	Jackson, Tom	LB	5-11	220	23	2	Louisville
12	Johnson, Chas.	QB	6-1	200	35	14	N. Mex. St.
26	Jones, Calvin	DB	5-7	169	23	2	Washington
45	Laskey, Bill	LB	6-3	230	31	9	Michigan
44	Little, Floyd	RB	5-10	196	32	8	Syracuse
61	Lyons, Tommy	G	6-2	230	26	4	Georgia
50	Maples, Bobby	C	6-3	250	31	10	Baylor
81	Masters, Billy	TE	6-5	240	30	8	LSU
56	May, Ray	LB	6-1	230	29	8	So. Calif.
41	Mitchell, Leroy	DB	6-1	190	30	7	Tex. So'ern
78	Montgomery, Marv	T	6-6	255	26	4	So. Calif.
21	Montgomery, R.	DB	5-11	182	26	5	Weber St.
25	Moses, Haven	WR	6-2	208	29	6	S. Diego St.
54	Myrtle, Chip	LB	6-2	225	29	8	Maryland
66	O'Malley, Jim	LB	6-1	230	23	2	Notre Dame
88	Odoms, Riley	TE	6-4	230	24	3	Houston
48	Pitts, John	S	6-4	218	29	8	Arizona St.
10	Ramsey, Steve	QB	6-2	210	26	5	No. Tex. St.
30	Ross, Oliver	RR	6-0	210	25	2	Ala. A&M
	Rowser, John	CB	6-1	190	30	8	Michigan
64	Schnitker, Mike	G	6-3	245	27	6	Colorado
80	Simmons, Jerry	WR	6-1	190	31	10	B. Cookman
51	Simone, Mike	LB	6-0	210	24	3	Stanford
75	Smith, Ed	DE	6-5	241	24	2	Colo. Col.
70	Smith, Paul	DT	6-3	256	29	7	New Mexico
36	Thompson, Bill	DB	6-1	201	28	6	Maryland
15	Turner, Jim	K	6-2	205	33	11	Utah St.
23	Tyler, Maurice	DB	6-0	188	24	3	Morgan St.
42	Van Heusen, B.	P-WR	6-1	200	28	7	Maryland
84	Washington, G.	WR	6-3	205	28	8	Mich. St.

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Arnold, LeFrancis	G	6-3	245	22	Oregon
Austin, Darrell	T	6-4	250	23	So. Carolina
Brown, Boyd	TE	6-4	216	22	Alcorn A&M
Buchanan, Steve	RB	6-2½	215	22	Holy Cross
Cameron, Larry	LB	5-11½	220	22	Alcorn A&M
Clerkley, John	DT	6-4	292	22	Ft. Valley
Collier, Ozell	CB	5-9	175	23	Colorado
Gradishar, Randy	LB	6-3	233	22	Ohio St.
Johnson, Charlie	CB	6-1	196	24	Southern
Keyworth, Jon	RB	6-3	233	21	Colorado
Marks, Rich	S	6-1	199	22	No. Illinois
Miller, Art	WR	5-11	180	24	S.E. Mo. St.
Minor, Claudie	T	6-4	282	23	S. Diego St.
Ray, James	S	6-3	190	23	Georgia
Spraford, Scott	LB	6-2	225	22	Wagner
Steele, Larry	P	5-10	182	24	San. Rosa
Strahan, Tom	WR	5-11	175	23	Miss. State
Tomlin, Jim	CB	5-11	186	28	S. Austin
Wafer, Carl	DT	6-3½	250	23	Tenn. St.
Weatherspoon, C.	WR	6-2	182	26	Ft. Lewis
Winesberry, J.	WR	6-1	190	22	Stanford
Wyatt, Ron	S	6-1	186	22	N. Colorado

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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

"HANK" STRAM, Coach.

Assistants: Bill Walsh, Darrel "Pete" Brewster, Tom Pratt, Tom Bettis, Tommy O'Boyle, John Beake, Walt Corey.

PREDICTION 3RD

Hank Stram gathered his aging warriors around him before every football game last season and cooed: "You're not getting older . . . you're getting better."

It didn't work very often.

The Chiefs experienced their ninth consecutive winning season in 1973, true. But when they needed it in the big games, the

JEFF KINNEY carries pigskin for short gain against rugged Dallas Cowboys.



ones which might have put them in the playoffs, they didn't have it.

They also slipped to third place in the Western Division of the American Football Conference. Denver passed them. Something like that would have been unthinkable in the past.

The principal problem with Kansas City is age. The Chiefs have a bad case of the creaks. They try to hide it, but it's there. The Chiefs didn't even carry a column of the players' ages in their final roster last December, but that doesn't make the wrinkles go away.

There were a dozen key players on the shady side of 30 last year. Most of them played offense.

Both tackles, Jim Tyrer and Dave Hill, and guard Ed Budde, showed definite signs of being over the hill. The offensive line had one of the Chiefs' strongest areas in the good years.

Stram remembered what Tyrer, Hill and Budde had done in the past. He remembered it too well. Hank is a sentimentalist. He couldn't bring himself to trade away or bench the old guys.

Casey Stengel, in discussing trades for old Yankee favorites, used to have a saying: "Better a year early than a year late." Stram didn't abide by Casey's rule and now he's in trouble.

The big three have little market value left. The Chiefs drafted a couple of offensive linemen on the first round several years ago, George Daney and Sid Smith. Neither was used much. Smith finally got hurt and was claimed by Houston. Daney may get his shot this year but he's been a bench warmer so long people look upon him as a question mark.

Then there is the quarterback problem.

Lenny Dawson is back for his 18th season, but he never got to play the last seven games of No. 17. Shoulder and knee injuries

made him a spectator at mid-season. It seems cruel to ask a veteran quarterback like him to play behind a line which can't give him adequate protection.

But he may have to play.

Mike Livingston played most of the last part of the season and he didn't look like the quarterback who would get the Chiefs out of third place.

There were reports that Stram was constructing some unorthodox offensive sets, or even a sprint-out offense, which would make better use of Livingston. With the new rules changes, which liberate the passing game, Hank better do something. Dawson may even find a year or two of renewed life under the fresh deal.

The Chiefs signed All-America quarterback David Jaynes of Kansas and there seems little doubt he will move ahead of Pete Beathard and Dean Carlson.

Otis Taylor caught 34 passes for a 16.6-yard average but his potential zooms as a result of the new rules. It would help, too, if he got a partner on the other side who would relieve him of some double coverage. Stram signed Ex Oiler Dave Smith late last year and he may challenge little Elmo Wright for the job. Andy Hamilton, who annually battles injuries, and Robert West also are available.

Stram toyed with the idea of making husky Gary Butler a full-back, but the current thinking is to leave him at tight end, where he beat out Morris Stroud last year. Butler has greater potential as a blocker than he does as a pass catcher.

The running game is spoken of in terms of promise rather than fulfillment. Ed Podolak, who was the team's leading ground gainer with 721 yards last year, and Wendell Hayes are the incumbents, but the Chiefs need large doses of speed, size and youth.

It may be hard to keep rookie



LEN DAWSON (16) veteran quarterback, gets good protection from JIM TYRER (77) and WENDELL HAYES (38).

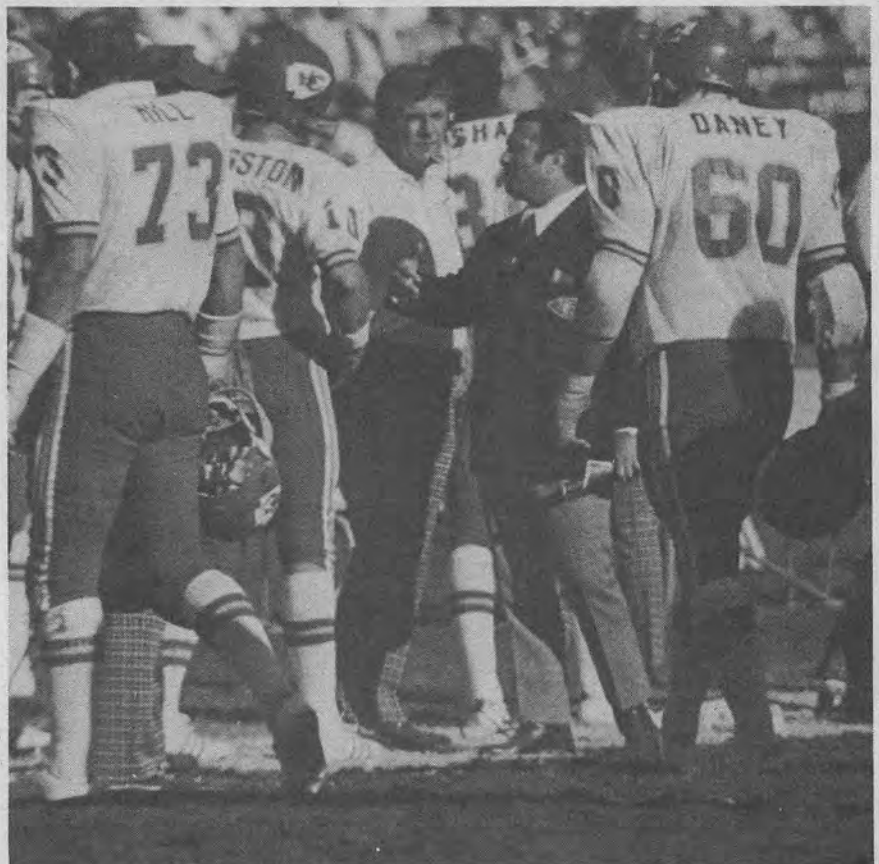
Woody Green out of the starting lineup. Woody was an absolute whiz at Arizona State, the kind of speed guy KC has been missing.

Jeff Kinney, an erstwhile No. 1 draftee, and Willie Ellison also may be in for additional work. Ellison was injured during his first year with the club. Cannonball Butler and Leroy Keyes are other experienced backs. Bob Thorndbladh, who played behind Ed Shuttlesworth at Michigan, is the top rookie power back.

The Chiefs throw to their backs a lot. Podolak was the second-ranked receiver in the AFC last year with 55 catches.

With age eroding the skills of the old stars, center Jack Rudnay is the top offensive lineman. He made the Pro Bowl last season. There was thought of moving Mo Moorman to tackle but he'll stay at guard with Budde. Top challenger could be Wayne Walton, who came from the Giants in a trade last year. George Daney makes another stab and Bill Storey, who got hurt in the last exhibition season, is

HANK STRAM, Head Coach, gives sideline instructions to sub quarterback MIKE LIVINGSTON (10) as assistant coach TOM BETTIS listens intently.



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also on the roster.

Tyrer and Hill remain the listed starters at tackle. Francis Peay launched an unsuccessful challenge last year. The best newcomer is Charles Getty, an all-east star from Penn State. He was a second-round draft choice.

Jan Stenerud remains among the most deadly field goal kickers. He went 24-for-38 last year.

Punter Jerrell Wilson led the league with a 45.5 yards average last year and even with the new rules which emphasize hang time accuracy out of bounds he should be a valuable weapon.

Defensively the KC strong suit remains linebacking. Willie Lanier is a popular choice as all-pro man in the middle. Jim Lynch, who broke in with Lanier, remains one of the NFL's underrated stars. Bobby Bell, even at age 34, continues to beat off the challenge of Clyde Werner. The other experienced linebacker is Al Palewicz, who starts his second pro season. Lynch would move over to back up Lanier with Werner moving to his spot if the occasion called for it.

The line is massive, experienced and deep.

The senior man is Buck Buchanan, 34, who was a standby way back in the days of the first Super Bowl. His tackle partner is quick, strong Curley Culp, who at 28 and in his seventh pro season, should be at the top of his game.

Behind them is George Seals, the ex Chicago Bear for whom the Chiefs paid a husky price a couple of years ago. Also returning to pro football is Ernie Calloway, the ex Philadelphia Eagle. Calloway came to the Chiefs in a trade last year but was unable to perform. Now, after recovering from knee surgery, he's ready to take another stab at it. He also can play end.

The ends are Marvin Upshaw and Wilbur Young. Young is the 6-foot-6, 285-pound tank who may be on the verge of making big contributions in his fourth pro season. Upshaw also is a kickoff man. With veteran Pat Holmes flirting with retirement, rookie Leroy Hegge may get a big shot to make the club.

The big news at cornerback

last year was Nate Allen's forging ahead of Jim Marsalis, one-time all-pro. The other corner, Emmitt Thomas, may have his efficiency curbed by the new rules which limit the amount of contact a defender may have with a pass receiver.

Jim Kearney is a steady hand



JERREL WILSON was NFL's leading punter in 1973 with 45.5 average.

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INTERCEPTIONS —Thomas, 3 for 65 yds., 21.7 Avg.	19th
PUNTING —Wilson, 80 punts, 45.5 Avg., longest 68 yds.	1st
PUNT RETURNS —Marshall, 29 for 180 yds., 6.2 Avg.	14th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Marshall, 14 for 391 yds., 27.9 Avg.	4th

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	13 PITTSBURGH	—	
	20 AT Miami	—	
	27 AT San Diego	19-0	
Nov.	3 N.Y. GIANTS	—	
	10 SAN DIEGO	33-6	
	18 AT Denver (N)	10-14	
	24 AT Cincinnati	6-14	
Dec.	1 AT St. Louis	—	
	8 OAKLAND	16-3	
	14 MINNESOTA	—	

at strong safety. Mike Sensibaugh is his cohort at free safety. Doug Jones got a little testing as a rookie.

Both Kerry Reardon and Larry Marshall can be used at either safety or corner. Marshall's value is chiefly in his ability to return kicks.

CHIEFS' VETERAN ROSTER

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11	Beathard, Pete	QB	6-1	200	32	10	USC
78	Bell, Bobby	LB	6-4	228	34	12	Minnesota
86	Buchanan, B.	DT	6-7	270	34	12	Grambling
71	Budde, Ed	G	6-5	265	34	12	Mich. St.
82	Butler, Gary	TE	6-3	235	23	2	Rice
	Butler, James	RB	5-10	200	31	9	E. Waters
	Calloway, E.	DT-DE	6-6	250	26	5	Tex. So.
9	Carlson, Dean	QB	6-3	210	24	3	Iowa St.
61	Culp, Curley	DT	6-1	265	28	7	Arizona St.
60	Daney, George	G	6-4	240	28	7	El Paso
16	Dawson, Len	QB	6-0	190	39	18	Purdue
24	Ellison, Willie	RB	6-2	210	28	8	Tex. So.
80	Hamilton, Andy	WR	6-3	190	25	2	LSU
38	Hayes, Wendell	RB	6-1	220	34	10	Humboldt
73	Hill, Dave	T	6-5	260	33	12	Auburn
74	Holmes, Pat	DE	6-5	255	34	9	Texas Tech
32	Jones, Doug	DB	6-2	202	23	2	S. Fern. Val.
46	Kearney, Jim	S	6-2	206	31	10	Pr. View
23	Keyes, Leroy	RB	6-3	208	27	6	Purdue
31	Kinney, Jeff	RB	6-2	215	23	3	Nebraska
27	Kratzer, Dan	WR	6-3	194	23	2	Mo. Valley
63	Lanier, Willie	LB	6-1	245	28	8	Morgan St.
10	Livingston, M.	QB	6-4	212	28	7	SMU
87	Lohmeyer, John	DE	6-4	229	23	2	Emporia St.
51	Lynch, Jim	LB	6-1	235	28	8	Notre Dame
40	Marsalis, Jim	CB	5-11	194	28	6	Tenn. St.
22	Marshall, L.	DB-KR	5-10	195	25	3	Maryland
76	Moorman, Mo	T-G	6-5	252	28	7	Texas A&M
50	Oriard, Mike	C-G	6-4	223	26	5	Notre Dame
57	Palewicz, Al	LB	6-1	215	25	2	Miami
75	Peay, Francis	T	6-5	250	30	9	Missouri
14	Podolak, Ed	RB	6-1	205	27	6	Iowa
15	Reardon, Kerry	DB	5-11	180	23	4	Iowa
58	Rudnay, Jack	C	6-3	240	27	5	No'western
67	Seals, George	DT	6-3	260	32	11	Missouri
20	Sensibaugh, M.	S	5-11	192	23	4	Ohio St.
85	Smith, Dave	WR	6-3	210	27	5	Ind. (Pa.)
3	Stenerud, Jan	K	6-2	187	32	8	Mont. St.
88	Stroud, Morris	TE	6-10	255	28	6	Clark
89	Taylor, Otis	WR	6-3	215	32	10	Pr. View
18	Thomas, Emmitt	CB	6-2	192	31	9	Bishop
77	Tyrer, Jim	T	6-6	280	35	12	Ohio St.
81	Upshaw, Marvin	DE	6-4	260	28	7	Trinity
72	Walton, Wayne	G-T	6-5	255	26	3	Ab. Christ.
54	Werner, Clyde	LB	6-4	225	27	5	Washington
26	West, Robert	WR	6-4	218	25	3	S. Diego St.
44	Wilson, Jerrel	P	6-2	222	33	12	So. Miss.
17	Wright, Elmo	WR	6-0	190	23	4	Houston
99	Young, Wilbur	DE	6-6	285	23	4	Wm. Penn

ROOKIES—FREE AGENTS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Beers, Barry	G	6-4	245	22	W. & Mary
Brown, Carl	WR	6-2	170	23	W. Tex. St.
Clark, Craig	WR	6-3	195	22	Utah St.
Collins, Carl	DE-DT	6-4	250	22	N.C. A&T
Condon, Tom	G	6-3	240	22	Boston Col.
Curbow, Kelly	T	6-5	253	23	Missouri
Dial, Vincent	RB	5-8	215	21	Newman
Florence, Bill	DB	6-0	185	23	Louisville
Florence, Byron	WR	5-10	176	23	No. Ill.
Getty, Charlie	T	6-4	260	22	Penn St.
Green, Woody	RB	6-1	200	23	Arizona St.
Hawthorne, L.	WR	6-1	190	22	Jackson St.
Hegge, LeRoy	DE	6-6	250	22	So. Dakota
Higgins, Larry	RB	6-1	215	22	Ark. A&M
Jaynes, David	QB	6-2	212	24	Kansas
Johnson, D.	WR	6-2	205	24	Hayward
Jones, Arthur	TE	6-4	210	22	So. Fla.
Jones, Thomas	G-T	6-3	250	24	No. Iowa
Lane, Mose	DB	5-11	174	25	Ft. Valley
McDonough, Dan	LB	6-1	224	23	Missouri
McTorry, C.	DB	6-0	195	24	Tenn. St.
Miller, Cleophus	RB	5-11	202	22	Arkansas
Nicholson, O.	LB	6-1	225	23	Tex. So.
Palmer, Lee	RB	5-10	180	22	Jackson St.
Phillips, Jerry	DE	6-5	250	28	None
Polen, Bruce	DB	6-1	180	23	Wm. Penn
Pomario, Frank	G	6-1	245	22	Notre Dame
Pruett, Perry	DB	6-0	180	25	N. Tex. St.
Repp, Mike	T	6-3	250	26	So. Colo. St.
Romagnoli, N.	LB	6-3	235	23	Ky. St.
Roman, Dan	WR	5-11	185	23	Purdue
Story, Bill	DT-G	6-3	245	23	So. Illinois
Thornbladh, B.	RB	6-1	220	22	Michigan
Walker, Willie	WR	5-11	165	22	Chattanooga
Washington, J.	RB	6-0	208	23	Clemson
White, Stan	WR	5-11	170	22	J. C. Smith
Willis, Brad	LB	6-0	217	22	Evansville

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SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

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The San Diego Chargers are the Hodge Podge Lodge of professional football.

Owner Gene Klein has a payroll full of misanthropes, malcontents, antiques and just plain incompetents. It is the philosophy of "the Future is Now" gone to hell.

George Allen might have collected some rustic old pieces in Washington but he was a lot choosier than the San Diego folks. The difference is as pronounced as the gap between a Shaker hunt board and a W. T. Grant end table.

Now Klein has hired Tommy Prothro, the canny old chess and bridge player, to sort things out, pruning the dead wood and possibly running the NFL's biggest garage sale. Prothro was canned by Carroll Rosenbloom of the Los Angeles Rams a year ago but there are those who feel Rosenbloom had an itchy trigger finger, that maybe Tommy can be as successful a coach in the pros as he was in college.

Obviously Klein is one of those thinkers.

Prothro's problems start at quarterback. He traded with Cincinnati for a guy with his kind of brain power, Virgil Carter, but then Sweet Virg signed with the Chicago Fire of the World Football League. Since Carter had played out his NFL option there was nothing the Chargers could do about it.

The deal with Cincinnati for Carter was unconditional (the Bengals got quarterback Wayne Clark) but Paul Brown threw in running back Reece Morrison, a veteran, because he felt the Chargers were owed something. It was a nice gesture but the Charger roster is full of Reece Morrisons.

With Carter gone that leaves Johnny Unitas and Dan Fouts.

Unitas is getting to be an em-

barrassment. John has stayed too long at the fair. The Chargers paid a bundle for him, only to discover what the Baltimore Colts already knew. He plays as old as he is, 41.

When Pittsburgh had a run of injuries to its quarterbacks last year Johnny U. was offered to them. The Steelers said thanks but no thanks. At that time Unitas was playing second fiddle to rookie Dan Fouts and just about third fiddle to Clark. He was inactive for the last game and spent that weekend in Baltimore, watching the Colts from the stands while wearing a Colt stocking cap to ward off the snow.

The Chargers did a little burn at that.

But what is Klein to do now, short of bronzing John and shipping him directly to the Hall of Fame? Prothro may find that ticklish stuff.

Fouts, who had a bright moment or two as the late-season starter, ranks as the incumbent. His only real competition—unless Unitas pulls a Lazarus—is

rookie Jess Freitas of San Diego State.

Under Harland Svare, the deposed coach who remains as general manager, the Chargers tried to assume a ball-control mantle. Going into the '73 season the club looked strong in the running back department. Mike Garrett has rushed for 1000 yards and Cid Edwards was the team's most valuable player.

But Garrett fell out of grace fast last year and Edwards was talked of as a dispensable man at the end of the year.

In fact none of the so-called skill people did much for the Chargers last year. Garrett had a 100-yard plus day in a 16-16 tie with Cleveland but you have to travel far down the statistics before you find most Chargers.

Small wonder the club won only two games.

No one made that much of it at the time, but the failure to sign Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers last year wasn't exactly a step in the right direction. Rodgers might have been disenchanted with life in these

RUSS WASHINGTON (70), All-Pro tackle, was Chargers' top performer in '73.



TOMMY PROTHRO, Coach.

Assistants: George Dickson, John David Crow, Earnel Durden, Rudy Feldman, Bob McKittrick, Howard Mudd, Jackie Simpson, Willie Wood.



DAN FOUTS, rookie QB has two bullies waiting—230-pounder CID EDWARDS and 6-6, 268-pound tackle, TERRY OWENS.

United States, but life without him is far less enchanting for the Chargers. He ended up in Montreal where he did a successful impersonation of a Super Star.

San Diego's top man in a skill position is wide receiver Gary Garrison. Irony of ironies, he was just about wasted in the ball-control scheme. It's assumed that Prothro will find better use for him.

Finding a quarterback who can get the ball to Gary on a fairly regular basis might be the stickier problem.

If the Chargers are to have a new look offensively it probably will start with the top draft choice, Colorado fullback Bo Matthews. He is a powerful citizen with a reputation for hard running and effective blocking.

Possibly Prothro might like to play him alongside of another fullback type, Cid Edwards, or a rehabilitation job might be done on Garrett, who should have a couple of seasons left even at the age of 30.

Behind them there are runners like Clinton Jones, Robert

Holmes, Morrison and Bob Thomas, who clashed with Prothro when both were with the Rams. Bill Rudder of Tennessee was the next highest draftee running back after Matthews.

If Prothro can discover a quarterback to throw to Garrison, that means he'll also be able to use Jerry LeVias. Ron Holliday, the only experienced sub, defected to the Philadelphia Bell of the World Football League.

Harrison Davis of Virginia was the only wide receiver draftee.

Fast Jim Thaxton should push vet Pettis Norman at tight end. Gary Parris also is on the roster. Dave Grannell of Arizona State was the top-ranked rookie tight end.

The Chargers' principal boast on offense is the line. Russ Washington, the all-pro tackle, was the top man on the team according to grades devised by Prothro after watching movies of the club.

The brass admires Doug Wilkerson, the strongman guard. He is acquiring polish in his fifth

season as a pro. The other guard should be Ira Gordon, even though he has flirted with the World Football League. He has the size, 278 pounds on a 6-foot-3 frame. Ralph Wenzel is experienced and Al Dennis played some as a rookie.

The tackle opposite Washington is Terry Owens, who has started for eight of his nine pro seasons. Carl Mauck is the incumbent center backed up by young Jay Douglas. Mark Markovich of Penn State was a high draft choice. He can play center and guard. Guard Tom Forrest of Cincinnati and tackle Bon Boatright of Oklahoma State came in the draft.

Dennis Partee can kick field goals as well as punt. Ray Werschling is a place kicker.

Defensively the Chargers' major change will be to move Coy Bacon back to defensive end, a position he played for Prothro when he was with the Rams. Bacon accounted for 29 sacks in two seasons as an all-pro in Los Angeles, San Diego unaccountably moved him to

tackle when they got him in the John Hadl trade.

Deacon Jones is the only incumbent end since Lionel Aldridge retired. He may have plenty of challenges. Tim Rossovich is being moved from middle linebacker, Dennis Wirgowski was acquired from Philadelphia and young Pete Lazetich is maturing. Seasoned Cal Snowden also is on the roster.

With Beacon moved outside and Ron East jumping to the World Football League, Dave

Costa is the only experienced hand listed at tackle. Greg Wojcik became a WFL expatriate. One of the listed ends, possibly Lazetich, will move inside. John Teerlinck of Western Illinois is the top rookie.

With Rossovich moved to end, the No. 1 candidate at middle linebacker is a surprise—14-year veteran Mike Stratton. He never played the position during a dozen seasons in Buffalo. Carl Gersbach also is available and Ray White, who missed the '72 season due to injury, may get another look.

Rookie Don Goode of Kansas, another first-round draft choice, seems a cinch to start as an outside linebacker. The Chargers would be sorely disappointed if he doesn't.

The other spot may be a scramble. Rick Redman, a playing coach on Harland Svare's staff, Floyd Rice, the ex-Oiler, and Mel Rogers all may be involved in it.

With Bryant Salter traded to the Redskins, the only incumbent safety is Joe Beauchamp. Mel Rogers and Reggie Berry are experienced.

Len Dunlap and Bob Howard started last year at corner. Howard has all-star possibilities. Willie McGee, the Olympic sprinter, gets another shot there. Clancy Oliver missed all last season due to injury.

CHARGERS' VETERAN ROSTER

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87	Aldridge, Lionel	DE	6-3	254	33	12	Utah St.
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40	Beauchamp, Joe	S	6-0	188	30	9	Iowa St.
45	Berry, Reggie	S	5-11	185	25	3	Long Beach
64	Costa, Dave	OT	6-1	250	32	12	Utah
61	Dennis, Al	G	6-4	250	23	2	Grambling
52	Douglas, Jay	C	6-6	254	23	2	Memphis St.
39	Dunlap, Leonard	CB	6-2	198	25	4	N. Tex. St.
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54	Gersbach, Carl	LB	6-1	230	27	5	West Chester
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55	Mauck, Carl	C	6-4	243	27	6	So. Illinois
28	McGee, Willie	CB	5-11	178	24	2	Alcorn A&M
33	Morrison, Reece	RB	6-0	207	28	7	S.W. Texas
88	Norman, Pettis	TE	6-3	222	34	13	J. C. Smith
26	Oliver, Clancy	CB	6-1	184	26	3	S. Diego St.
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70	Washington, Russ	T	6-7	289	27	7	Missouri
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Goode, Don	LB	6-2	222	23	Kansas
Markovich, M.	C-G	6-5	252	22	Penn St.
Rudder, Bill	RB	6-2	225	22	Tennessee
Davis, Harrison	WR	6-3	205	22	Virginia
Teerlinck, John	DL	6-4	250	23	West'n Ill.
Freitas, Jesse	QB	6-1	190	23	S. Diego St.
Forrest, Tom	G	6-2	245	22	Cincinnati
Boatwright, Bon	T	6-5	262	22	Okla. State
Colbert, Danny	DB	5-11	167	23	Tulsa
Ketchoyian, John	LB	6-3	218	22	Santa Clara
Grannell, David	TE	6-4	230	22	Arizona St.
Williams, Sam	DB	6-1	186	22	California
Vertefeuille, B.	T	6-3	239	23	Idaho St.
Bailey, Greg	LB	6-3	220	23	Long Beach
Anthony, Charles	LB	6-0	235	22	USC
Meczka, Greg	TE	6-2	229	22	Bowl Green
Skarin, Neal	TE	6-2	229	22	Arizona St.
DeJumett, Char	DT	6-3	248	22	S. Jose St.

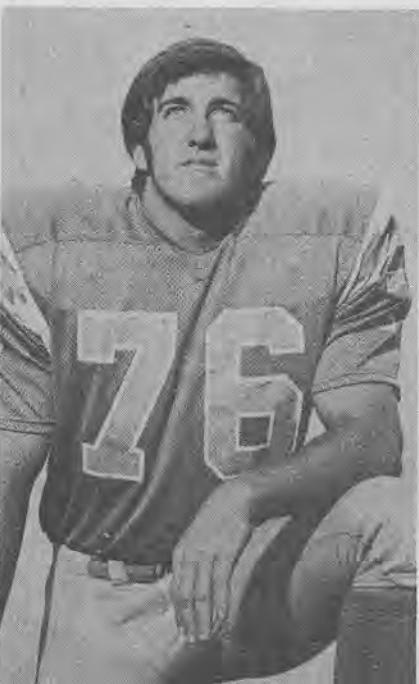
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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Aleksiewicz, Don	RB	5-11	194	22	Hobart
Allen, Ken	T	6-5	250	23	Santa Clara
Armijo, Ted	DB	6-0	185	23	Long Beach
Avil, Taatafe	DL	6-7	340	25	S. Diego St.
Baylor, Ray	DT	6-4	260	27	Tex. So'ern
Caraway, Bruce	G	6-2	245	25	Morgan St.
Coleman, Valley	DE	6-4	215	23	Utah St.
Enz, Gunter	K	5-10	172	25	Vienna
Galati, Gary	K	5-10	175	22	No. Arizona
Gunner, Izell	WR	6-3	205	23	Alcorn A&M
Izzo, Leonard	WR	5-11	285	25	C. W. Post
Johnson, Bern	WR	6-2	210	24	Pacific Luth
Kingman, Ste'n	WR	6-0	190	24	Lake Forest
Knott, Clint	RB	6-0	225	23	S. Jose St.
Lancaster, L.	DB	5-11	197	23	Miami
Lawrence, Steve	OL	6-4	245	22	California
Miller, Wesley	C-G	6-2	255	23	Utah St.
Williams, Henry	G	6-2	235	24	Florida A&M
Williams, W.	G	6-2	265	24	Wash. St.



COY BACON is moving back to end, where he starred for Los Angeles.

TERRY OWENS, vet, provides Chargers with steadiness on offensive line.



1973 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Wersching, 58 points on 15 XP, 11 field goals	21st
RUSHING —Edwards, 133 carries for 609 yds., 4.6 Avg., 1 TD	15th
PASSING —Fouts, 87 in 194 attempts for 1126 yds., 6 TDs	12th
RECEIVING —LeVias, 30 receptions for 536 yds., 3 TDs	18th
INTERCEPTIONS —Howard, 5 for 25 yds., 5.0 Avg.	8th
PUNTING —Partee, 72 punts, 41.1 Avg., longest 62 yds.	6th
PUNT RETURNS —Smith, 27 for 352 yds., 13.0 Avg., 2 TDs	1st
KICKOFF RETURNS —Smith, 36 for 947 yds., 26.3 Avg.	9th

Pre-Season Games

10 N.Y. JETS (N)
17 St. Louis at Memphis (N)
24 NEW ENGLAND (N)
31 LOS ANGELES (N)

Sept.	7 AT Minnesota	
1974 SCHEDULE		1973 Scores
Sept. 15	AT HOUSTON	—
22	AT Cincinnati	13-20
29	MIAMI	—
Oct. 6	PHILADELPHIA	—
13	AT Oakland	17-27
20	AT Denver	19-30
27	KANSAS CITY	0-19
Nov. 3	CLEVELAND	16-16
10	AT Kansas City	6-33
17	OAKLAND	3-31
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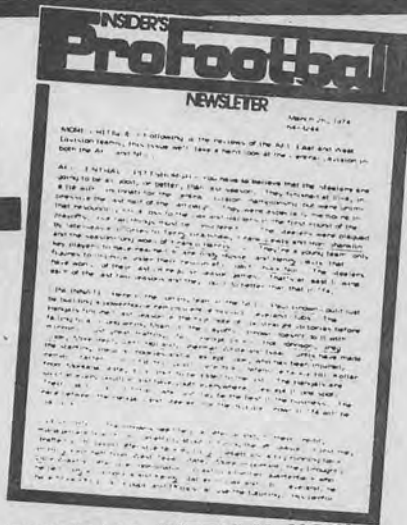
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NFC FINAL—1973

Eastern Division

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Dallas	10	4	0	.714
*Washington	10	4	0	.714
Philadelphia	5	8	1	.393
St. Louis	4	9	1	.321
N.Y. Giants	2	11	1	.179

*Fourth Qualifier for Playoffs

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Los Angeles	12	2	0	.857
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643
New Orleans	5	9	0	.357
San Francisco	5	9	0	.357

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Minnesota	12	2	0	.857
Detroit	6	7	1	.464
Green Bay	5	7	2	.429
Chicago	3	11	0	.214

Playoff

Washington	0	7	3	10-20
Minnesota	0	3	7	17-27
Los Angeles	0	6	0	10-20
Dallas	14	3	0	10-27



NFL

By Bob Oates

Los Angeles Times veteran pro grid expert Bob Oates is keen analyst of title races.

MASTERING NEW RULES AND WFL LAME DUCKS WILL BE KEY TO THE 1974 SEASON

PREDICTIONS

Western Division

1. Los Angeles
2. Atlanta
3. San Francisco
4. New Orleans

Central Division

1. Minnesota
2. Detroit
3. Green Bay
4. Chicago

Western Division

1. Dallas
2. Washington
3. Philadelphia
4. St. Louis
5. New York

For the nation's football handicappers, this is the most difficult and unsettling year of the century—for two reasons: the new rules and the lame ducks.

With nine new rules the game is going to be zanier, and perhaps better, than in any recent year. And with two dozen lame ducks—the option jumpers who will be making their millions in the World Football League next year—the unpredictability is compounded.

If it hadn't been for the WFL and the rules changes, it would have been easy to foresee a Super Bowl set between the Miami Dolphins and Los Angeles Rams in January, 1975.

And this is still the most likely bet. It's hard to pick against the most solid teams in any year, under any circumstances, and these seem the NFL's best all-around teams this time if not the best period.

Nonetheless, nobody knows how hard Paul Warfield and Larry Csonka will play this season, with so many honors and press notices at stake for the WFL next season if either is injured.

Nor can anybody estimate the full impact of the new rules. One thing you know for sure is that 1973's leading coaches—Don Shula of Miami, Chuck Knox of Los Angeles, Bud Grant of Minnesota and a few others—had made the effort to master foot-

ball according to 1973 rules. What you don't know is how long it will take Shula and the rest to master the 1974 rules.

Conceivably while they're learning, someone will get lucky and beat them out.

The new rules are much of the story of 1974 in pro football.

Rashly, after years in which the NFL people scarcely changed a rule, they overreacted this spring with nine amendments to a rule-book that wasn't that bad.

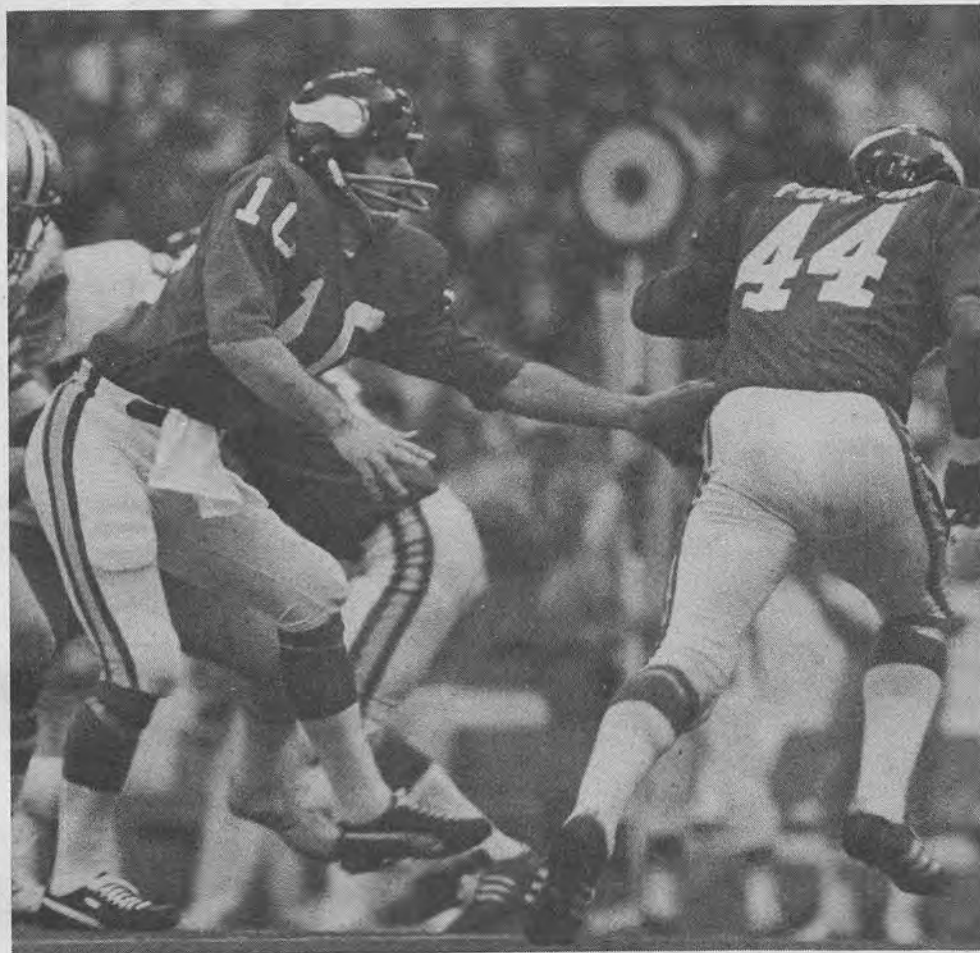
The most radical of their nine changes came in the rules affecting punts, bumps, axing and holding. The new rules in these areas were designed to weaken defenses and bolster offenses, affecting their relationship in these three respects:

1—Field position. Offensive teams should gain a more advanced scoring position regularly because of the rule requiring punting teams to stay on the line



DOUG KINGSRITER, Vikes, (89) with leg over shoulder of Dolphins' NICK BUONICOTI (85) takes pass during first half action in Super Bowl game.

National Conference



SUPER BOWL action: FRAN TARKENTON (10) hands off to CHUCK FOREMAN (44), above, as ED MARINARO (49), Minnesota Head Coach BUD GRANT (center) and Asst. BUS MERTES watch, below, during 24-7 loss to Miami.

after leaving the line of scrimmage.

The effect of these changes proscribing most contact between defensive backs and wide receivers will be to stretch the zones of zone defense somewhat.

Receivers like San Francisco's Gene Washington, who used to be axed and left for dead at the line of scrimmage, will be able to get downfield quicker.

If you like offensive football, as most of us do, an attack on zone defense is all to the good. Up to a point. The danger is that in doing everything at once—guaranteeing offensive teams better field position, lessening the penalties against them for holding, and removing some features of bump defense—the NFL may be doing too much or too little. Their many rules changes may be counter productive.

The new field goal rules, though receiving the most publicity this spring, will not make as much difference as some suppose. But Miami's defense last year

of scrimmage until the ball has been kicked.

Net punting yardage will be less regardless of whether the ball is kicked higher or out of bounds to prevent runbacks or whether the safety is allowed to run.

2—Ball control. The rule changing the penalty for holding from 15 yards to 10 will hurt defensive teams in two ways. Offensive linemen will try to get by with holding more often, and secondly, if they fail, it's only 10 yards now.

3—The foundations of zone defense may have been affected a bit by two other rules changes. The ax (roll) block was outlawed and the bump was restricted in bump-and-run defense. Receivers can now be hit only once



was based on rousting receivers around.

So was George Allen's in Washington and Chuck Knox's in Los Angeles.

On the assumption that coaches who took fullest advantage of the rules last year will do so again, the probability is that only five NFC teams will be seriously in the running for the playoffs this season: Los Angeles and Atlanta in the West, Dallas and Washington in the East and Minnesota of the Central Division.

Los Angeles and Minnesota are favored to win the Western and Central titles, leaving the three others to fight for the two remaining playoff spots.

San Francisco seems to have fallen behind Los Angeles and Atlanta as a Western power. New Orleans is out of it. In the Central, Chicago is out of it. Detroit and Green Bay could, but probably won't, challenge Minnesota.

The most interesting NFC race is coming in the East, where either Dallas or Washington could win. Philadelphia has the offense to challenge. The Giants are under new management and the Cards are coming.

In the AFC East, Buffalo is probably overrated. Miami is the class. Cincinnati has slipped ahead in the Central, where Pittsburgh and Cleveland were mild disappointments last fall.

The West offers the best race.

Oakland is feeling heat now from John Ralston's Denver team. In San Diego, the players and a new coach have something to prove. Hank Stram has tradition on his side in Kansas City.

Miami, Oakland and Cincinnati should make the tournament

with wild card Denver or Pittsburgh.

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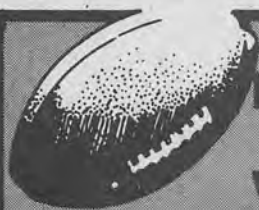
In the Super Bowl January in New Orleans, Miami will have too much poise for Los Angeles.



JIM MARSHALL, defensive end, is interviewed after NFC title contest.

FRAN TARKENTON is mobbed by news media after throwing for 133 yards and leading Vikings to 27-10 victory over Dallas in NFC championship game.





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CHUCK KNOX, Coach.

Assistants: Tom Catlin, Lee Bennett, Jack Faulkner, Ken Meyer, Ray Prochaska, Elijah Pitts, Jim Wagstaff, Ray Malavasi.

PREDICTION 1ST

The Los Angeles Rams are being discussed throughout the country as the probable National Conference champion this year. Among the reasons for their popularity are the fact that they finished 12-2 last season, their best record ever in pro football, and the fact that they played a strong game against Minnesota at the halfway point of the season when they lost for the first time under Chuck Knox, 10-9.

Some Ram observers believe the difference that day in Minnesota, when both clubs reported for the kickoff with matching 6-0 records, was that Minnesota's rookie fullback (Chuck Foreman) played and Los Angeles' rookie fullback (Lawrence McCutcheon) didn't.

Foreman went on to become the NFC's rookie of the year after scoring the only touchdown of the Ram-Viking game. But McCutcheon by the end of the season was seen to have had the more effective year. He became

a 1000-yard runner as a freshman, one of the few times that's happened.

McCutcheon, like Foreman, is a fine pass receiver. The argument that the Rams with McCutcheon were a better 1973 team than the Vikings with Foreman is based on the results of their only meeting: the Rams lost by a single point on the road though minus their fullback.

In any case the comeback of the Rams in 1973 after a dismal 6-7-1 in 1972 was the NFL story of the year on the West Coast. And the explanation for their success can be traced largely to their new owner, Carroll Rosenbloom, who chose their new coach, Knox. In virtually every respect that nitpicking sportswriters could think of, Knox became an ideal head football coach his first week on the job and stayed that way.

He has brought back his entire staff for 1974 except Dick Vermeil, the special teams coach, who resigned to become head coach at UCLA. Vermeil's re-

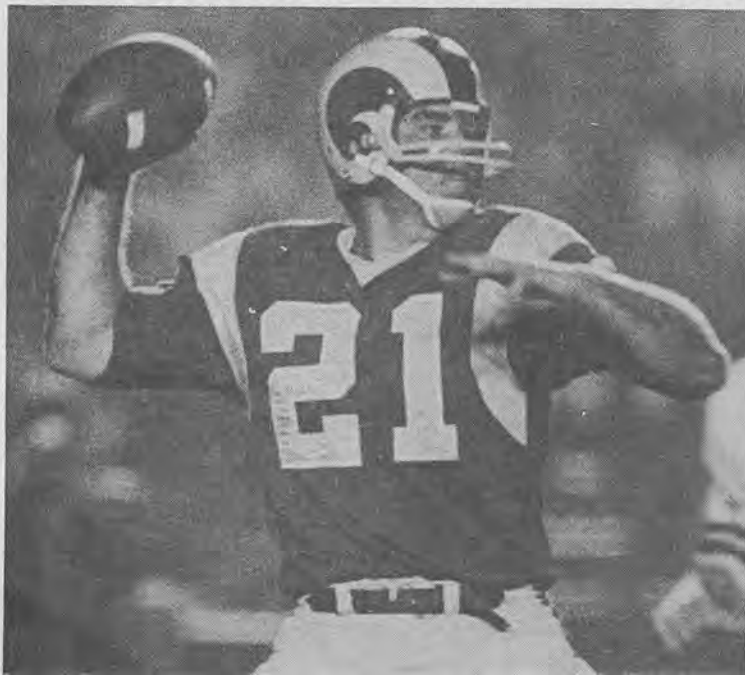
placement is Elijah Pitts, the fine Green Bay running back throughout most of the Vince Lombardi era.

Don Klosterman, Rosenbloom's general manager, has put together an organization that is among the NFL's soundest top to bottom. Indeed the Rams, who abruptly became a contender in Rosenbloom's first full season as their owner, look as if they'll continue to be a contender throughout his stewardship as owner. That wouldn't, of course, be an upset. The Colts were a contender as long as he owned them.

Knox is planning few lineup changes this season. John Hadl begins his 12th season as a pro quarterback with a fine first-year record in Los Angeles as both passer and team director. But for a back injury in the final half of the season Hadl probably would have won the NFC passing title from Roger Staubach. By most reckonings Hadl was the NFL's 1973 MVP.

Backup James Harris is likely to play more at quarterback.

JOHN HADL (21), Los Angeles' brilliant quarterback who led team to NFC West Division championship, sets to pass as Coaches RAY MALAVASI, CHUCK KNOX and RAY PROCHASKA and two teammates, L-R, watch the action.



this year. Ron Jaworski is still considered the future.

At running back the Rams return with the crew that set an NFL record for most carries last season (659) and finished No. 3 in NFL yards gained all time. Except for McCutcheon, who has unusual speed, Ram backs are all alike: tough and alert. Jim Bertelsen, the starter, is just more so. The other tough, alert contributors are Tony Baker, Les Josephson, Rob Scribner and even the club's No. 1 draft choice, John Cappelletti, the Heisman Trophy winner from Penn State and a winner type.

Unlike some coaches, Knox rotates running backs. After starting Bertelsen and McCutcheon last year he sometimes replaced them with Baker and Smith before the end of the first quarter. Baker is the short-yardage expert. Josephson and Scribner also played considerably last fall. The Rams will make room for Cappelletti this season but under Knox, no back is ever a good bet to play more than two or three quarters.

At wide receiver the Rams start an impressive pair, Harold Jackson and Jack Snow, their top veteran candidates. Of the rookies Jason Caldwell is the best known in Los Angeles. A No. 6 draft choice a year ago, Caldwell underwent an operation before the 1973 season and didn't play. He impressed the coaches at rookie camps.

At tight end the Rams have strength and depth with Bob Klein and Pat Curran.

The offensive line continues as a Ram strength with center Ken Iman and those around him, Tom Mack, Joe Scibelli, Charlie Cowan and John Williams. The new man last year was Williams, once a Baltimore No. 1 draftee, who joined with Cowan to give the Rams one of the strongest sets of tackles in their history.

The defensive line, rebuilt last year, returns intact with 33-year-old All-Pro Merlin Olsen and an extraordinary young cast including Larry Brooks, Fred Dryer and Jack Youngblood. Long famous for front fours, the Rams surprised the NFC with the strength of this one.



JIM BERTELSEN (45), who rushed for 854 yards and scored four times in 1973, gets good blocking in plowing through San Diego Chargers' line.

JOE SCIBELLI (71), the Rams' underrated veteran guard, paves way for big gainer by LES JOSEPHSON (34), who averaged 4.8 yards a carry in '73.



They also surprised the conference last year with a new corps of linebackers, Isiah Robertson, middle linebacker Jack Reynolds and Ken Geddes. The All-Pro is Robertson but the Rams got more mileage than their opponents had expected from Reynolds, who had been around four years before settling into the lineup.

The least settled Ram depart-

ment is the defensive secondary which produced spectacularly last season with a group patched together at the last minute: cornermen Eddie McMillan, a rookie, and Charlie Stukes, a double-castoff last year from Baltimore and Minnesota; and safeties Dave Elmendorf, who has been juggled from position to position in Los Angeles for three years, and Steve Preece, a castoff from

Denver among other places.

This season this unit returns to find some competition at most positions from highly-regarded reserve Al Clark, No. 2 draft choice Bill Simpson of Michigan State, 1973's top draft choice Cullen Bryant and several others.

The kickers are David Ray, the NFL's leading scorer last year, and punter Dave Chapple.

Rosenbloom, as his first move in the offseason, got Knox' contract back and gave him a new one for five years. When he did so, Rosenbloom said: "Chuck has rewarded our fans by bringing them the kind of team they have a right to expect."

Unlike some who have coached the Rams, Knox has surrounded himself with the best coaches he could find. Each, accordingly, is a head coach type and can be expected to move along and up eventually as the Rams continue to win.

Ken Meyer and Ray Malavasi, the offensive and defensive coordinators, are among the sharpest and most thorough in their fields. On the defensive side, Tom Catlin has survived every coach in Los Angeles since 1965, including George Allen; Jim Wagstaff, a college coach two years ago, provides the college touch Knox wants, and Jack Faulkner is considered one of the better analysts in football.

Offensively, the new man is Pitts, a running expert, who joins with Leeman Bennet, a passing expert, and Ray Prochaska, a blocking expert, to give the Rams one of the league's strongest staffs on the attacking side.

Other winning teams in the NFL, including Miami and Minnesota, have comparably efficient staffs. The assistants are the second most important thing on a football team, second only to the head coach. But it's also a fact that good coaches always have good staffs.

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CHARLIE COWAN at 265, is one of top tackles in Los Angeles Rams' history.



LAWRENCE McCUTCHEON rushed for 1097 yards and 2 TDs last year.



1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING—Ray, 130 points on 40 XP, 30 field goals 1st

RUSHING—McCutcheon, 210 carries for 1097 yds., 5.2 Avg., 2 TDs 3rd

PASSING—Hadl, 135 in 258 attempts for 2008 yds., 22 TDs 3rd

RECEIVING—Jackson, 40 receptions for 874 yds., 13 TDs 13th

INTERCEPTIONS—Stukes, 5 for 104 yds., 20.8 Avg. 9th

PUNTING—Chapple, 51 punts, 40.8 Avg., longest 65 yds. 9th

PUNT RETURNS—Bertelsen, 26 for 259 yds., 10.0 Avg. 3rd

KICKOFF RETURNS—Bryant, 13 for 369 yds., 28.4 Avg., 1 TD 15th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 2 CLEVELAND (N) —

10 DALLAS (N) —

17 KANSAS CITY (N) —

24 MIAMI (N) —

31 AT San Diego (N) —

Sept. 8 AT San Francisco —

1974 SCHEDULE **1973 Scores**

Sept. 15 AT Denver —

22 NEW ORLEANS 29-7

29 AT New England —

Oct. 6 DETROIT —

13 AT Green Bay 24-7

20 SAN FRANCISCO 31-13

27 AT N.Y. Jets —

Nov. 4 AT San Francisco (N) 40-20

10 ATLANTA 31-0

17 AT New Orleans 24-13

24 MINNESOTA 9-10

Dec. 1 AT Atlanta 13-15

9 WASHINGTON (N) —

15 BUFFALO —

RAMS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
60	Allison, Hank	G-T	6-3	255	27	3	S. Diego St.
35	Baker, Tony	RB	5-11	225	29	7	Iowa St.
45	Bertelsen, Jim	RB	5-11	205	24	3	Texas
90	Brooks, Larry	DT	6-3	255	24	3	Virginia St.
32	Bryant, Cullen	S	6-1	210	23	2	Colorado
10	Chapple, Dave	P	6-1	180	27	4	San. Barbara
44	Clark, Al	CB-S	6-0	185	26	4	East. Mich.
73	Cowan, Charlie	T	6-4	265	36	14	N. Mex. Hds.
88	Curran, Pat	TE	6-3	238	28	6	Lakeland
37	Drake, Bill	S-WR	6-1	195	24	2	Oregon
89	Dryer, Fred	DE	6-6	240	28	6	S. Diego St.
42	Elmendorf, Dave	S	6-1	195	25	4	Tex. A&M
46	Garror, Leon*	CB	6-0	174	26	2	Alcorn A&M
36	Geddes, Ken	LB	6-3	235	26	4	Nebraska
21	Hadl, John	QB	6-1	214	34	13	Kansas
12	Harris, James	QB	6-4	210	27	5	Grambling
50	Iman, Ken	C	6-1	240	35	14	So'east Mo.
29	Jackson, Harold	WR	5-10	175	28	7	Jackson St.
34	Josephson, Les	RB	6-1	207	32	10	Augustana
52	Kay, Rick	LB	6-4	235	27	2	Colorado
80	Klein, Bob	TE	6-5	235	27	6	So. Calif.
65	Mack, Tom	G	6-3	250	30	9	Michigan
30	McCutcheon, L.	RB	6-1	205	24	2	Colo. St.
41	McMillan, Eddie	CB	6-0	190	22	2	Florida St.
67	Nelson, Bill	DT	6-7	270	26	4	Oregon St.
74	Olsen, Merlin	DT	6-5	270	33	13	Utah St.
72	Olsen, Phil	DT	6-5	265	26	4	Utah St.
20	Preece, Steve	S	6-1	195	27	6	Oregon St.
27	Ray, Dave	K-WR	6-0	195	29	6	Alabama
64	Reynolds, Jack	LB	6-1	232	26	5	Tennessee
58	Robertson, Isiah	LB	6-3	225	25	4	Southern
61	Saul, Rich	C-G	6-3	235	26	5	Mich. St.
79	Schuh, Harry	T	6-3	260	31	10	Memphis St.
71	Scibelli, Joe	G	6-0	255	35	14	Notre Dame
33	Scribner, Rob	RB	6-0	200	23	2	UCLA
38	Smith, Larry	RB	6-3	220	26	6	Florida
84	Snow, Jack	WR	6-2	190	31	10	Notre Dame
66	Stein, Bob	LB	6-3	235	26	6	Minnesota
47	Stukes, Charlie	CB-S	6-3	212	30	8	Md. State
75	Williams, John	T	6-3	256	28	7	Minnesota
85	Youngblood, Jack	DE	6-4	250	24	4	Florida
53	Youngblood, Jim	LB	6-3	239	24	2	Tenn. Tech

* Last active with Buffalo in 1972.

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Carson, Ananias	WR	6-0	166	22	Langston
Cappelletti, John	RB	6-1	217	21	Penn St.
Freberg, Roger	G	6-4	270	21	UCLA
Harvey, John	RB	6-2	185	24	Arlington
Hayes, Rick	T	6-4	240	22	Washington
Hutt, Don	WR	6-2	188	21	Boise St.
Johnson, Frank	TE	6-4	240	22	Riverside
Oliver, Al	T	6-6	270	21	UCLA
Ottmar, Dave	P-QB	6-2	189	21	Stanford
Simpson, Bill	S-CB	6-1	180	22	Mich. St.
Solverson, Pete	T	6-4	251	22	Drake
Thomas, Bob	PK	5-10	178	21	Notre Dame
Weese, Norris	DB	6-0	196	22	Mississippi
Williams, Derrick	RB	5-10	186	21	Riverside

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 Ray Barnes, Marv Matuszak.*

PREDICTION 2ND

The Atlanta Falcons are a team with as much manpower as the best of their opponents in the 26-team league. Moreover, their coach, who selected most of Atlanta's personnel, is a bright student of the game with a background as a winning player. Put them together, Norm Van Brocklin and his employees, and you have the makings of a champion.

Some said they should have won last year, when there were two reasons why they didn't. Van Brocklin articulates both of them:

"Although we finished 8-2 in the last 10 weeks and had a 9-5 record overall, we lost three of our first four games. The 8-2 is the best any Atlanta team has ever done. But the 1-3 was about the worst start.

"Unfortunately," he says, "we also lost two of our last three and I have decided who was responsible for the letdown. It is the coach's responsibility to have the team prepared to play all the

games, and obviously I didn't have the team prepared to play in two games late in the year.

"Therefore, I alone take the responsibility and the blame for those two losses."

The 1-3 start last year was accomplished with Dick Shiner at quarterback. He never played again for the Falcons. Van Brocklin: "We felt after four games that he was not equal to the opportunity afforded him."

One of those four was a 31-0 shutout in Los Angeles.

The question Van Brocklin faced in the hours when he was saying good-bye to Shiner remains applicable: "Is Bob Lee a quarterback?"

Van Brocklin and Lee both thought so then and, after Lee's 8-2 finish, think so now. Van Brocklin: "This marks the first time the Falcons have had an obviously No. 1 quarterback in training camp."

If there are any doubts about the 1974 Falcons, however, they're at Lee's position. The negative is that he hasn't done it long enough. Though a six-year

NFL veteran, Lee has yet to play a full season at quarterback.

At Minnesota, Bud Grant tried Lee off and on, and last year, after Lee was hurt early in the season, Van Brocklin seemed to forget about him. The conclusion then and now is that in an Atlanta uniform, Lee didn't make that much of an impression on his coach, even considering Van Brocklin had traded for him.

So that's the rap on Lee. Like all new No. 1 people in pro ball, he's got to prove himself over a period of time. After 10 weeks as a starter, however, Lee has the appearance of a man who is qualified. He is known in the league as a rope thrower who isn't the best passer in his division, not to mention the league, but he was accurate enough under last year's rules, averaging 12 passes a game and completing 52.2 per cent. He averaged a touchdown a game.

Assuming a successful adjustment to 1974 rules, Lee, it can be predicted, will get the job done.

And if he does, you can't find a weakness in Atlanta's lineups.

BOB LEE (19) sparked Atlanta's strong 1973 showing, completing 120 passes for 1786 yards and 10 TDs.



Van Brocklin might have a depth problem or two but his starters can be classed with the best in the league.

His kickers illustrate the point best of all. Few clubs can match Atlanta's young pair, punter John James, a sophomore last year, and placekicker Nick Mike-Mayer, a rookie.

The year before, though a rookie, James had surfaced as the best punter in the conference and last fall he kicked one 72 yards. He finished with a 42.6 average.

Mike-Mayer kicked 26 of 38 field goals—five of them in one game to beat the Rams, 15-13—and finished second in conference scoring. Van Brocklin: "Both these young men will continue to improve, which should give the Falcons a great kicking game for many years to come."

The area in which the Falcons may make the most improvement this year is pass receiving. Their first draft choice was a 9.1 sprinter from Kent State, Gerald Tinker, 5-9, 170. Van Brocklin: "We'll have to draw our passing plays on longer paper this season."

Lack of world-class speed in their pass offense has been a frequent complaint of the Falcons in other seasons. Tinker, who has fixed this, also gives his new team a fast punt runner of the kind needed under the new rules.

Veteran Ken Burrow, the leading receiver on last year's team, ranks with the top half dozen in the conference. He and Al Dodd were both injured last fall, giving Van Brocklin a chance to experiment with two youngsters, Thomas Geradine and Louis Neal, who both came through. In a deep department, Falcons also have Preston Riley.

The offensive backfield matches the catching department in depth with Dave Hampton, Art Malone, Eddie Ray, Harmon Wages, Don Highsmith and others. Van Brocklin: "Hopefully we have reached the status of Miami's great running game."

Actually, Van Brocklin began concentrating on his infantry almost as early as Don Shula did in Miami, and at the present time Atlanta has a crew that can block



NICK MIKE-MAYER, the Falcons' rookie placekicker in 1973, connected on 26 of 38 field goals and produced 112 points, second best in NFC.

TOMMY NOBIS (60), nearly ripping apart a rival, is a great linebacker.



and catch as well as run.

Jim Mitchell, the tight end, is another explosive blocker and all-around team man who has sometimes led the club in receiving. Van Brocklin: "We still feel that Jim is the best tight end in football."

Just in case, the Falcons made a fifth round draft selection of Henry Childs, a tight end from Kansas State. Van Brocklin: "We got a steal on the fifth round. It's unusual when a player of Childs' caliber is still around for that round."

The depth at tight end last year was Henry Sovio, who re-

mains a Falcon favorite.

The offensive line is the department Atlanta has improved the most in recent years with center Jeff Van Note and his sidemen, Dennis Havig, Bill Sandeman, Andy Maurer and George Kunz. The Falcons also have Jim Miller back.

The defensive line came together last year with the trade for tackle Mike Tilleman, who fit in with Mike Lewis and the ends, Claude Humphrey and John Zook, as if he had been invented for the part. For many years the ends had carried the front four by themselves. With

strength inside, they're obviously stronger now themselves.

Atlanta's starting linebackers may be the strongest also, as a group, in the conference. Tommy Nobis, one of the game's better middle linebackers, is surrounded by two tough outside linebackers, Greg Brazina and Don Hansen. Indeed, Van Brocklin thinks his six-man staff of linebackers is the world's best, including Lonnie Warwick, Ken Mitchell and Deane Benson. Van Brocklin: "We notice no appreciable change in the performance of our linebackers regardless of who is in the game."

Even so, statistically, the real defensive strength of the Falcons is their secondary with Ken Reaves, Ray Brown, Tom Hayes and the youngest addition, Clarence Ellis. The Falcons have had the top secondary in the conference for three years, finishing first against the pass in 1971 and 1973 and missing first place by less than a yard in 1972.

Van Brocklin will need these people and his wits besides to make it through the toughest schedule being faced this year by any Super Bowl contender. The Falcons, who had the easiest schedule in the NFC last season and failed to make capital on it, are paying for it this time with a beauty.

After opening against Dallas and San Francisco one-two, the Falcons by October will be hip pad deep in a murderous seven-game stretch—half the season—

KEN BURROW grabbed 31 passes for 567 yards despite injuries in 1973.

that begins at Pittsburgh Oct. 28, a Monday, and concludes at Minnesota on a Saturday, Dec. 7.

In between Pittsburgh and Minnesota (both playoff teams last year) the Falcons draw games with three other playoff teams, Miami and Los Angeles twice, and must also travel to San Francisco.

The only breather in this seven-week grind is a game with Baltimore—a team the Falcons have never beaten.

Van Brocklin, however, shows no signs of worrying about schedules. He has played some good teams before. At the start of his 13th campaign as an NFL coach, he has a .409 won-lost record (64-94-7), chiefly due to the fact that he has never associated with other than expansion teams. He was over .500 only once at Minnesota, two years before resigning, but has had no losing seasons for the last three years at Atlanta, compiling .538, .500 and .643, successively. The .643 last year (9-5) was his best as a head coach.

Although Van Brocklin is a Hall of Fame quarterback, much

1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS		
SCORING —Mike-Mayer, 112 points on 34 XP, 26 field goals 2nd		
RUSHING —Hampton, 263 carries for 997 yds., 3.8 Avg., 4 TDs 4th		
PASSING —Lee, 120 in 230 attempts for 1786 yds., 10 TDs 7th		
RECEIVING —Mitchell, 32 receptions for 420 yds. 21st		
INTERCEPTIONS —Brown, 6 for 99 yds., 16.5 Avg. 2nd		
PUNTING —James, 63 punts, 42.6 Avg., longest 72 yds. 4th		
PUNT RETURNS —Brown, 40 for 360 yds., 9.0 Avg. 4th		
KICKOFF RETURNS —Washington, 20 for 432 yds., 21.6 Avg. 14th		

Pre-Season Games		
Aug. 4	AT Philadelphia (N)	
10	Oakland at Berkely, Cal.	
17	CINCINNATI (N)	
26	AT Houston (N)	
31	BALTIMORE, 6 pm	
Sept. 8	AT Denver, 6 pm	
1974 SCHEDULE		
Sept. 15	DALLAS	—
22	SAN FRANCISCO	9-13
29	AT New Orleans	62-7
Oct. 6	AT N.Y. Giants	—
13	CHICAGO	46-6
20	NEW ORLEANS	14-10
28	AT Pittsburgh (N)	—
Nov. 3	AT Miami	—
10	AT Los Angeles	0-31
17	BALTIMORE	—
24	AT San Francisco	17-3
Dec. 1	LOS ANGELES	15-13
7	AT Minnesota	20-14
15	GREEN BAY	—

of his trouble over the years has come at that position. Thus in recent winters at Atlanta he has tried to fortify himself at quarterback, drafting Pat Sullivan and Kim McQuilken high in 1972 and 1974. If Bob Lee continues to make good, accordingly, the Falcons have a present and future both.

FALCONS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
63	Bebout, Nick	T	6-5	260	23	2	Wyoming
51	Benson, Duane	LB	6-2	220	29	8	Hamline
50	Brezina, Greg	LB	6-1	221	28	6	Houston
34	Brown, Ray	S	6-2	202	25	4	W. Tex. St.
82	Burrow, Ken	WR	6-0	191	26	4	S. Diego St.
41	Dodd, Al	WR	6-0	178	29	7	N. W. La.
32	Easterling, Ray	S	6-0	192	25	3	Richmond
29	Ellis, Clarence	S	6-0	190	24	3	Notre Dame
66	Fritsch, Ted	C	6-3	242	24	3	St. Norb't M.
84	Geredine, T.	WR	6-2	189	24	2	N. E. St.
65	Gotshalk, Len	T	6-4	259	25	3	Humboldt
43	Hampton, Dave	RB	6-0	202	27	6	Wyoming
58	Hansen, Don	LB	6-2	228	30	8	Illinois
56	Havig, Dennis	G	6-2	256	25	3	Colorado
27	Hayes, Tom	CB	6-1	198	28	4	S. Diego St.
40	Highsmith, Don	RB	6-0	205	26	5	Mich. St.
87	Humphrey, C.	DE	6-5	265	30	7	Tenn. St.
6	James, John	P	6-3	200	25	3	Florida
75	Kunz, George	T	6-6	268	27	6	Notre Dame
22	Lawrence, R.	CB	5-10	179	23	2	Tabor
19	Lee, Bob	QB	6-2	201	29	6	Pacific
69	Lewis, Mike	DT	6-4	261	25	4	Ark. AM&N
25	Malone, Art	RB	6-0	216	26	5	Arizona St.
77	Manning, Rosie	DT	6-5	255	24	3	N. E. Okla.
78	Marx, Greg	DE	6-4	260	24	2	Notre Dame
33	Matthews, Henry	RB	6-3	212	25	3	Mich. St.
64	Maurer, Andy	G	6-3	247	26	5	Oregon
83	Mialik, Larry	TE	6-1	226	24	3	Wisconsin
12	Mike-Mayer, Nick	K	5-9	187	24	2	Temple
55	Miller, Jim	G	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa
86	Mitchell, Jim	TE	6-1	236	27	6	Pr. View
52	Mitchell, Ken	LB	6-1	224	26	2	Nevada
80	Neal, Louis	WR	6-4	215	23	2	Pr. View
60	Nobis, Tommy	LB	6-2	243	31	9	Texas
35	Plummer, Tony	S	5-10	187	27	5	Pacific
44	Ray, Eddie	RB	6-2	240	27	5	L.S.U.
36	Reaves, Ken	CB	6-3	209	30	9	Norfolk St.
85	Riley, Preston	WR	6-1	190	27	4	Memphis St.
61	Sandeman, Bill	T	6-6	265	32	9	Pacific
7	Sullivan, Pat	QB	5-11	201	24	3	Auburn
74	Tilleman, Mike	DT	6-7	278	30	8	Montana
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	247	28	6	Kentucky
5	Wages, Harmon	RB	6-1	212	28	6	Florida
79	Walker, Chuck	DT	6-3	261	33	11	Duke
59	Warwick, Lonnie	LB	6-2	240	32	10	Tenn. Tech
30	Washington, Joe	RB	5-9	180	24	2	Illinois St.
71	Zook, John	DE	6-5	249	27	6	Kansas

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Bailey, Larry	DT	6-4	238	22	Pacific
Brady, Jim	QB	6-3	210	23	Arizona St.
Brown, Archie	OG	6-5	237	22	Lincoln
Brown, Ike	DB	5-11	175	23	Sterling
Byas, Richard R.	DB	5-10	176	24	Wayne St.
Childs, Henry	TE	6-2	223	23	Kansas St.
Cooche, James	TE	6-4	247	23	Michigan
Coppedge, R. A.	K	5-11	210	22	Arlington
Danmeier, R.	PK	5-11	220	22	Sioux Falls
Davis, Al	G-T	6-3	248	23	Boise St.
Davis, James	WR	6-2	188	22	Win.-Salem
Dotzauer, Barry	DB	6-1	160	22	Michigan
Eley, Monroe	RB	6-2	210	25	Arizona St.
Gabel, Paul	G-T	6-4	252	23	Penn. St.
Givens, John	G	6-3	240	22	Villanova
Greenfield, Cliff	DE	6-3	240	22	Morgan St.
Helgemo, Al	T	6-5	230	22	Bemidji St.
Ingram, Greg	DB	5-11	169	23	Miami
Jones, Willie	WR	5-10	175	23	Iowa St.
Kendrick, Vince	RB	6-0	223	22	Florida
Koegel, Vic	LB	6-0	218	22	Ohio St.
*Madeya, John	QB	6-5	212	23	Louisville
Malone, Herb	G	6-3	250	23	Livingston
Morton, Dudley	DE	6-9	260	24	Tenn. St.
McGee, S.	RB	5-10	184	22	Rhode Island
McQuilken, Kim	QB	6-2	203	23	Lehigh
Nielsen, J. R.	G	6-2	240	22	Yankton
Orange, Doyle	RB	5-10	201	23	So. Miss.
Powell, Ralph	RB	6-0	223	23	Nebraska
Ryczek, Paul	C	6-2	230	22	Virginia
Spencer, M.	DB	6-0	175	22	N.C. Central
Smith, Willie	RB	5-11	189	23	Mor. Brown
*Sovio, Henry	TE	6-3	234	25	Hawaii
*Stecher, Chris	T	6-6	257	23	Clar.-Mudd
Sweeting, W.	WR	6-2	185	22	Miami
Tinker, Gerald	WR	5-9	170	23	Kent St.
Trebnick, Gregg	WR	6-6	200	23	St. Thomas
White, Godfrey	RB	6-0	195	25	Baylor
Wilson, Eddie	WR	5-11	180	24	Albany St.

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PREDICTION 3RD

The San Francisco 49ers under President Lou Spadia remain one of the class organizations in sports. No team in pro football does more for its fans or players. Although some of them don't realize it, those who play for the 49ers are among the luckiest people in the world—considering, among other things, the chance they have to live in San Francisco, possibly the only city in the world that has everything.

In the won-lost columns, however, the 49ers fell off last year after winning three Western Division titles in a row. And the question now, despite their fine personnel, is whether they can get back in the divisional race in the near future against possibly the toughest divisional competition in the league: Carroll Rosenbloom's marvels down south and Norm Van Brocklin's tough guys even farther south.

The bid will be made this year

with a new quarterback, Steve Spurrier. John Brodie has at last retired. The fact is, however, that Spurrier is not really a new quarterback. In 1972 Spurrier played one of the largest roles in moving the 49ers to their third straight Western title, and in 1973 he led the 49ers in passing.

Against Minnesota, the 1973 Spurrier set a 49er single game record with 31 completions on 48 attempts for 320 yards against a team that can hardly be considered a pushover: the Minnesota Vikings. Considering both the defensive strength of the Vikings and the class of Spurrier's

predecessors in San Francisco—Frankie Albert, Y. A. Tittle, John Brodie and others—Spurrier's achievement is worth thinking about. It means he might be some kind of quarterback.

The 49ers have another one, too, Joe Reed, who started three games last year. The 49ers tossed him in against two of the toughest defensive clubs in the league, Washington and Los Angeles, and whereas Reed didn't scintillate against that type, he's a prospect. On the whole, the 49ers are better fixed at quarterback than most teams, and Spurrier, rid finally of the shadow of Brodie,

VIC WASHINGTON was 49ers' No. 1 rusher with 534 yards and 8 TDs.

STEVE SPURRIER now is 49ers' top QB, replacing retired John Brodie.





CEDRICK HARDMAN (Left, No. 86), applying pressure to New Orleans quarterback ARCHIE MANNING and TOMMY HART (53) provide San Francisco with one of the best defensive end, pass-rushing combinations in the league.

has a chance to make it as an NFL star.

His receivers constitute San Francisco's strongest department. The list starts with Gene Washington who, though injured last year, probably belongs with Paul Warfield and two or three others in the highest echelon of NFL receivers in terms of talent.

An entirely different type, Danny Abramowicz, plays the other wide position for the 49ers. Every team that wants to win should have an Abramowicz. At tight end, the 49ers field one of the NFL's many stars at that position, Ted Kwalick.

Curiously, one of these guys, possibly Kwalick, will have to give way this season if Terry Beasley is healthy. Beasley in terms of ability ranks with any of them though he has spent two injured seasons since the 49ers drafted him No. 1 in 1972. Beasley is not, of course, a classic tight end. Nor is Washington, nor Abramowicz. But they and Beasley are San Francisco's top three catchers if everybody is healthy. They would drive any pass defense to the verge of suicide. If all are ready to go, the 49ers will have to make room for all.

It is at the running positions that the 49ers have seemed to have the most trouble in recent seasons. The fact that they haven't been able to repair running-back deficiencies—when you consider the excellence of the passing half of their offense—stands as the major criticism of their leadership, including Spadia and Coach Dick Nolan.

It's hard to figure just what's wrong with the 49er running game. Somehow you feel that in the hands of a Don Shula or Chuck Knox, the 49ers would be a solid running team with what they've had, including Vic Washington, Ken Willard and Larry Schreiber, among others. But this year Willard has been traded to St. Louis and two pieces have been added: Schreiber, after an injury year, is back, and the 49ers have drafted a seeming good one, Wilbur Jackson.

You can state the 49er situation succinctly as follows: if Jackson is a pro halfback, if Spurrier is a pro quarterback and if the defense holds, they have the ingredients this season to upset Los Angeles and Atlanta both—asuming a run of good health.

The key possibly is Jackson,

the 49er's No. 1 draft choice. At Alabama last year, Jackson often looked like the best ballcarrier in the country. That was only hard to prove because Alabama didn't use him extensively.

Watching Alabama closely in some of its toughest games, the observer was left to conclude that Jackson was used mainly in situations where he was the only hope. In 1973 that was a team that won with other backs if it could and only with Jackson when all else failed.

On the other hand, Alabama is a wishbone team, and wishbone runners are hard to evaluate in pro terms. The wishbone system is so conducive to excellence for running backs as to make wishbone runners harder to figure than any other runners or, indeed, the players at any other position.

Jim Bertelsen of the Rams, a Texas wishbone runner as an undergraduate, often looked like the best college running back in the nation three years ago, which he wasn't, quite. He doesn't quite have the speed for that, as outstanding as he is in all other respects. But the point is that his wishbone background made his



TOM WITTUM, a No. 8 draft choice, topped NFC punters with 43.7 avg.

real talent appear deceptive.

So did Greg Pruitt's wishbone background. Pruitt last year may have been the NFL's most effective halfback after O. J. Simpson. But as good as he was at Oklahoma, this certainly didn't seem to be the case during the spring of the NFL's 1972 draft. Pruitt seemed a little small, among other things, to be considered.

So you don't really know about wishbone runners, including Roosevelt Leaks of Texas. They're either benefiting unduly by the system or in some cases they're really better than they seem in that system.

Thus Wilbur Jackson is a question mark in San Francisco. Other NFL teams (including San Diego, which drafted Colorado's Bo Matthews on the first round—as the second man selected in 1974—and the Rams, who preferred Heisman Trophy winner John Cappelletti) were less impressed with Jackson than San Francisco was and is.

But the hunch here is that Jackson has superstar ability and that he and Vic Washington and Schreiber will join to improve the 49ers' running game measurably.

They have the offensive line to do it, including several All-Pro and Pro Bowl types. Though most of them were injured last year, San Francisco's offensive linemen are hard to beat when Nolan can field them all: center Forrest Blue and the others, Woody Peoples, Randy Beisler, Len Rohde and Cas Banaszek. The swing man, John Watson, gives the 49ers more depth than most NFL teams have.

In their defensive line, this is a year of some changes on the 49ers. Their defensive ends, Tommy Hart and Cedrick Hardman, may add up, as publicist

George McFadden suspects, to be a tandem of pass rushers unexcelled in the league. But at tackle, Charlie Krueger has retired and Bob Hoskins is fighting Hodgkins disease. He won last year's round, leaving only one thing in doubt this year, how much he'll play. Otherwise the 49ers have a tackle who was in retirement last season, Stan Hindman; a top draft choice, Bill Sandifer of UCLA; a converted end, Bill Belk, and Charlie Krueger's kid brother Rolf. One way and another, you have to think they'll put too good tackles together with their two ends.

At linebacker, the 49ers present one of football's masters, Dave Wilcox, and two question mark areas. They haven't satisfactorily filled the middle position for a long time. Presumably, Skip Vanderbunt, who missed most of last season with an injury, has the inside track there, leaving either Jim Sniadecki or Willie Harper to play outside. Sniadecki was the middle-linebacker starter most of the time last year after Vanderbunt was injured, but, with nobody hurt, may spend the 1974 season back-

1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Gossett, 104 points on 26 XP, 26 field goals	4th
RUSHING —Washington, 151 carries for 534 yds., 3.5 Avg., 8 TDs	15th
PASSING —Spurrier, 83 in 157 attempts for 882 yds., 4 TDs	13th
RECEIVING —Kwalick, 47 receptions for 729 yds., 15.5 Avg., 5 TDs	6th
INTERCEPTIONS —Taylor, 6 for 30 yds., 5.0 Avg.	5th
PUNTING —Wittum, 79 punts, 43.7 Avg., longest 62 yds.	1st
PUNT RETURNS —Taylor, 15 for 207 yds., 13.8 Avg.	1st
KICKOFF RETURNS —Washington, 24 for 549 yds., 22.9 Avg.	10th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	3 AT San Diego (N)
	12 AT Cleveland (N)
	18 DENVER
	24 AT Kansas City (N)
Sept.	2 OAKLAND 6pm
	8 LOS ANGELES

1974 SCHEDULE

Sept.	15 AT New Orleans	10-16
	22 AT Atlanta	13-9
	29 CINCINNATI	—
Oct.	6 ST. LOUIS	—
	14 AT Detroit (N)	20-30
	20 AT Los Angeles	13-31
	27 OAKLAND	—
Nov.	4 LOS ANGELES (N)	20-40
	10 AT Dallas	—
	17 AT Chicago	—
	24 ATLANTA	3-17
Dec.	1 AT Cleveland	—
	8 GREEN BAY	20-6
	15 NEW ORLEANS	40-0

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ing up Vanderbunt in the middle and Harper as the right-side backer.

In the secondary, the 49ers should have their usual great strength with Jimmy Johnson and Bruce Taylor at the corners, Mel Phillips at strong safety and Windlan Hall free. McFadden calls Phillips "probably the most underrated defensive back in the NFL." Hall came so fast last year at free safety that the 49ers, who began the season with Mike Simpson as the starter, have traded Mike off.

San Francisco's 1973 kicking game was possibly the strongest in the conference. Bruce Gossett experienced his peak year as a pro and Tom Wittum emerged as the NFC's top punter. Wittum had been only an eighth round draft choice from Northern Illinois.

49ERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
46	Abramowicz, D.	WR	6-1	195	29	8	Xavier (O.)
28	Atkins, Dave	RB	6-1	194	25	2	El Paso
79	Banaszek, Cas	T	6-3	256	28	7	No. Western
77	Barrett, Jean	T-C	6-6	254	23	2	Tulsa
83	Beasley, Terry	WR	5-10	182	24	2	Auburn
65	Beisler, Randy	G	6-5	244	29	9	Indiana
72	Belk, Bill	DE	6-4	242	28	7	Mo. State
81	Beverly, Ed	WR	5-11	168	24	2	Arizona St.
75	Blue, Forrest	C	6-5	261	29	7	Auburn
42	Cunningham, D.	RB	6-0	195	29	8	Mississippi
30	Gossett, Bruce	K	6-1	227	32	11	Richmond
43	Hall, Windlan	S	5-11	175	24	3	Arizona St.
86	Hardman, C.	DE	6-4	251	25	5	N. Tex. St.
63	Hardy, Ed	G	6-4	242	23	2	Jackson St.
59	Harper, Willie	LB	6-2	215	24	2	Nebraska
53	Hart, Tommy	DE	6-4	249	29	7	Mor. Brown
80	Hindman, Stan	DT	6-3	233	30	7	Mississippi
56	Hoskins, Bob	DT	6-3	251	29	5	Wichita
61	Hunt, Charlie	LB	6-2	212	23	2	Florida
17	Isenbarger, J.	WR	6-3	196	27	5	Indiana
33	Jackson, Randy	RB	6-0	220	25	3	Wichita
37	Johnson, Jimmy	CB	6-2	188	36	14	UCLA
70	Krueger, Charlie	DT	6-4	254	37	16	Texas A&M
78	Krueger, Rolf	DT	6-4	253	26	6	Texas A&M
82	Kwalick, Ted	TE	6-4	226	27	6	Penn St.
49	McGill, Ralph	CB	5-11	186	24	3	Tulsa
57	Nunley, Frank	LB	6-2	228	28	8	Michigan
84	Olerich, Dave	LB	6-1	220	30	8	U. San Fran.
69	Peoples, Woody	G	6-2	250	31	7	Grambling
32	Phillips, Mel	S	6-2	191	32	9	N.C. A&T
19	Reed, Joe	QB	6-1	192	26	3	Miss. State
76	Rohde, Len	T	6-4	248	36	15	Utah St.
35	Schreiber, L.	RB	6-0	209	26	4	Tenn. Tech
38	Simpson, Mike	S	5-9	170	27	5	Houston
58	Sniadecki, Jim	LB	6-2	228	27	6	Indiana
11	Spurrier, Steve	QB	6-2	200	29	8	Florida
44	Taylor, Bruce	CB	6-0	180	26	5	Boston U.
52	Vanderbunt, S.	LB	6-3	224	27	6	Oregon St.
18	Washington, G.	WR	6-2	185	27	6	Stanford
22	Washington, Vic	RB	5-11	194	27	4	Wyoming
67	Watson, John	G-T	6-4	253	25	4	Oklahoma
64	Wilcox, Dave	LB	6-3	234	31	11	Oregon
88	Witcher, Dick	TE	6-3	210	29	9	UCLA
13	Wittum, Tom	P-K	6-1	190	24	2	North. Ill.

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Battle, Greg	S	5-11	188	21	Colo. State
Conners, Jack	CB	5-10	178	22	Oregon
Fahnhorst, K.	TE-OT	6-6	248	21	Minnesota
Gaspard, Glen	LB	6-0	237	21	Texas
Haslerig, Clint	WR	6-0	189	21	Michigan
Hull, Tom	LB	6-3	229	21	Penn State
Johnson, Kermit	RB	6-0	200	22	UCLA
Johnson, Sam	RB	6-1	217	21	No. Carolina
Jackson, Wilbur	RB	6-1	205	22	Alabama
Moore, Manfred	RB	6-1	190	23	So. Calif.
Owen, Tom	QB	6-1	195	21	Wichita
Raines, Mike	T	6-6	255	20	Alabama
Schnietz, Jim	T	6-3	253	22	Missouri
Sandifer, Bill	DT	6-6	278	21	UCLA
Williams, Delvin	RB	6-1	197	22	Kansas
Williamson, Walt	DE	6-4	225	21	Michigan



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PREDICTION 4TH

The New Orleans Saints, in their brief time on Earth, have not done everything right, God knows. They interfered so maliciously in the activities of their first coach, Tom Fears, that Tom's career was ruined there and the Saints set back 10 years.

Worse, in changing coaches, they've done it with the season underway—twice. As a policy, this may have some temporary advantages, but for long-haul purposes it is demonstrably inferior to surveying and selecting candidates in the off-season.

A coach chosen with the season already in motion is always a compromise selection, usually the best of what seems a bad lot. And, second, he may do unsuspectingly well—in fact, he often does remedy some of the ills—and so write a record that earns him another opportunity a year later. This can only delay the selection of a really satisfactory leader.

You have to be very lucky to get a good coach in the impromptu circumstances of firing the old guy in midpassage. When it is done this way it is generally accomplished in the interests of the owner's ego. Anybody can see that in a season as brief as a football season (14 games) it is better to muddle through somehow with the guy you entrusted the marbles with in the first place, then fire him, then work 27 hours a day in December and January finding another one when the pressure is off.

So in the middle of the 1970 season the Saints fired Fears, replacing him with J. D. Roberts, who finished that year and two more and was two months into 1973 when the Saints abruptly discovered he wouldn't do.

Looking around for a replacement, they found one who had only been in the New Orleans organization a few days, John

North, one of Roberts' assistants. Had North applied for the job in the off-season, the Saints wouldn't have given it to him. At 51, North had never been offered a head coaching job by anybody in the NFL.

Suddenly he had one because he was available when management capriciously decided to change jockeys. And because North won five games, he was invited back for another season, and here he is.

The odds, accordingly, are against him—and against the patient fans of New Orleans again

after all these years—but there is reason to believe North might be the exception that proves the rule on how to change coaches properly.

He has made more right moves than wrong ones in his brief term as the leader of the Saints and has steadied the club in two respects. First, in a flurry of trades immediately after his appointment, North acquired four starters, including a solid tight end, John Beasley; a useful wide receiver, Jubilee Dunbar, and a new backfield, Jess Phillips and Joe Profit.

ARCHIE MANNING, Saints' youthfully mature quarterback, completed 140 of 267 passes for 1642 yards and 10 TDs in 1973, his third pro season.



Second, North has made a commitment to unity this season. "I'd say we still need a lot of help," North comments in previewing his first full year in New Orleans, "but not at the expense of parting with some of our solid young talent to get it."

In other words, his success last year as a trader hasn't gone to his head, hasn't prompted him to try streaking through the league again. Instead North is recognizing that a fairly good young cast, in a setting of unity, often has a better chance in football than a bunch of imports who theoretically might be more gifted.

There are dangers in this course. For one thing, it can be a cop-out. Some of the younger talent may have been overvalued.

But in the New Orleans instance today, a bit of solidity and cohesion seem to be called for. On North's roster there are only two players who have been there for more than three years.

It is an extraordinarily immature team with 11 of last year's rookies, 10 sophomores and only 12 players with as many as three seasons in the NFL.

If North has the right story on, say, three-fourths of his young starters, the Saints may start to come together this season.

They have the indispensable for any NFL title pretender, Archie Manning, who at 25 is already one of the league's great quarterbacks. Considering his youth, skills as runner and passer, and maturity after three full seasons in the league, Manning probably is the quarterback you'd take today if you were putting together a new team with your choice of any players in football.

Of the New Orleans running backs, Joe Profit has the most talent. Profit, however, hasn't yet made it really big as a pro, and until he does, you'll always wonder why he doesn't. Jess Phillips is an NFL starter. A draftee, Rod McNeill of USC, is one of the finest running backs coming into the NFL this year.

On the Saints' first team, Manning has three superb targets, tight end John Beasley and wide receivers Bob Newland and Ju-

bilee Dunbar. At tight end the Saints have an overload, including Bob Brown and their No. 2 draft choice, Paul Seal of Michigan.

The three-year veteran center, John Didion, is flanked by Del Williams, Carl Johnson, Don Morrison and Royce Smith.

North thinks his defense will go as far as the front four takes it. Billy Newsome, brought in last year, became the Saints' MVP. The rest of the line as fitted together a year ago includes Joe Owens, Bob Pollard and Elex Price.

Young place kicker Bill McClard, goes to training camp virtually unchallenged.

On their 47-man roster last December the Saints had eight linebackers and drafted three more. Joe Federspiel is a middle linebacker with a future. The outside starters are expected to be Wayne Colman and Jim Merlo.

New Orleans' No. 1 draft choice, Rick Middleton of Ohio State, is also a linebacker.

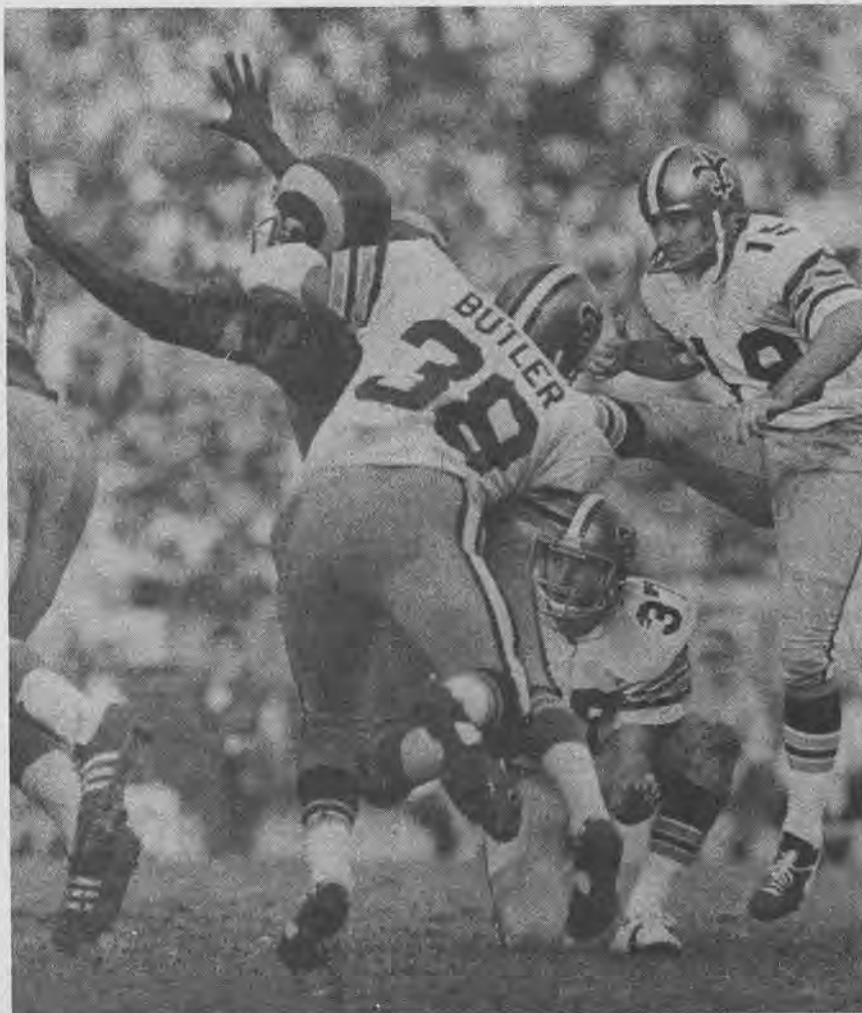
The secondary, returning intact, includes cornermen Bivian Lee and Ernie Jackson and safeties Tom Myers and Johnny Fuller. Depth in the secondary is provided by Jerry Moore and Hugo Hollas, both injured last year, and old pro Nate Ramsey.

Sensitive to the way he arrived at his present station in life, coach North says:

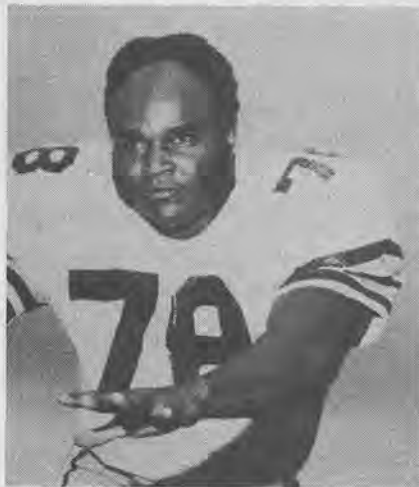
"Sure I was new to the head coaching job but I'd been an assistant in Detroit for eight years and I had an idea about the people I want to play for me in this league. We didn't have enough of my type of player, so we had to go get some somewhere. By the same token, we had some people that I knew wouldn't be able to give me what I wanted on the field—so they had to go."

North on his plans:

BILL McCLARD, with TOM MYERS holding clicked on 13 field goals.



BILLY NEWSOME was New Orleans' MVP in 1973, his first year with club.



DEL WILLIAMS, veteran lineman, is starting eighth season in league.



ROYCE SMITH is considered one of NFC's top young offensive linemen.



"I'd say we still need a lot of help, but not at the expense of parting with some of our solid young talent to get it. We're not desperate now, as we might have been last September. I think there'll be keen disappointment if the young players we have don't continue to improve next season.

"My axe-wielding is over for awhile, perhaps until the mandatory cutdown dates. Of course, if someone offers us a particularly desirable player we might be coaxed into doing some business, but as of now I don't feel that we're going to be pushing our people to other teams.

North on his offense:

"We drafted for backfield power and receiving speed. The one man we have obtained through trade since the end of last season—all purpose offensive lineman Dave Thompson, from Detroit—provides us with versatility up front, and who can say he won't win a starting job."

The Saints' top choices were the Ohio State linebacker, Middleton; tight end Paul Seal of Michigan, halfback McNeill of USC and another receiver, Joel Parker of Florida.

North: "I really believe we upgraded our backfield through trades last year. And I think that with the extra experience for Profit and Butler and the addition of McNeill, we could boost our running attack quite a bit in 1974. I'm sure, too, that Manning and Bobby Scott will benefit

from the presence of a former pro quarterback, Lamar McHan, as quarterback coach. His knowledge has to be a plus for us, particularly since we've never before had a coach in that capacity. Two more new members of our staff, backfield coach Bob Ledbetter and receiver coach Jim Phillips, also figure to make valuable contributions to a stronger offense."

Phillips rates as one of the better pass offense coaches in the league.

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	29 ATLANTA	7-62
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	27 PHILADELPHIA	—
Nov.	3 AT Detroit	20-13
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	17 LOS ANGELES	13-24
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70	Robinson, Craig	T	6-4	250	25	3	Houston
12	Scott, Bobby	QB	6-1	200	25	3	Tennessee
66	Smith, Royce	CB	6-3	255	25	3	Georgia
22	Stevens, Howard	WR	5-5	165	24	2	Louisville
17	Thomas, Speedy	WR	6-1	170	27	6	Utah
65	Thompson, D	C-G-T	6-4	260	24	4	Clemson
61	Williams, Del	G	6-2	250	28	8	Florida St.
80	Winslow, Doug	WR	5-11	181	23	2	Drake

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
89	Anderson, F.	WR	5-11	167	23	Nebraska
49	Betts, Bill	CB	6-2	193	24	Norfolk St.
73	Buckmon, James	DE	6-3	243	22	Pittsburgh
13	Cipa, Larry	QB	6-3	209	22	Michigan
62	Coleman, Don	OLB	6-2	222	22	Michigan
69	Crowe, Tom	G	6-3	245	24	Kentucky
47	DeGrenier, Jack	FB	6-1	225	23	Arlington
33	Garnett, Ervin	CB	6-2	185	23	Tulsa
20	Harrison, Harry	S	6-1	185	22	Mississippi
67	LaPorta, Phil	OT	6-4	256	22	Penn State
48	Martin, Curtis	TE	6-3	220	25	L.S.U.
26	Marshall, Kent	S	6-3	185	22	TCU
28	Maxson, Alvin	RB	5-11	205	22	S.M.U.
27	McNeill, Rod	RB	6-2	219	23	U.S.C.
43	Merritt, Kent	WR	5-11	177	22	Virginia
54	Middleton, R.	OLB	6-2	228	22	Ohio St.
42	Parker, Joel	WR	6-5	212	22	Florida
29	Phillips, Jack	WR	6-0	170	26	Grambling
46	Plunkett, Leon	RB	5-11	205	22	So. Miss.
40	Schmidt, Terry	CB	6-0	177	22	Bail St.
84	Seal, Paul	TE	6-4	213	22	Michigan
68	Thibodeaux, T.	G	6-3	242	22	Tulane
60	Truax, Mike	LB	6-3	220	22	Tulane
45	Williams, M.	WR	6-0	166	22	West. Ill.

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MINNESOTA VIKINGS

H. P. "BUD" GRANT, Coach.
Assistants: Bus Mertes, John Michels, Jerry Burns, Jack Patera, Neil Armstrong, Jocko Nelson.

PREDICTION 1ST

The Minnesota Vikings have had the leadership in Coach Bud Grant and General Manager Jim Finks to continue as a Super Bowl contender indefinitely. They've won because of Grant primarily. A close second reason is that Finks has kept Grant in good players. Finks recently resigned, but the players remain.

Minnesota is the defending National Conference champion and one of five NFC teams with a good chance to make the final round this year. The other four all have divisional competition—Los Angeles and Atlanta in the West, Dallas and Washington in the East—and this is a situation that should redound to the benefit of the Vikings, who are not in much danger of burning out in a divisional race.

Grant is back with a veteran team that dominated every crisis last year until the Super Bowl. In their first 15 games, the Vikings were in control all the way.

They swept their division, Grant recalls, listing three other highlights: "We beat a good team like Los Angeles here in a key game for both of us, when both teams were undefeated. We were able to beat Washington in a playoff game, and we beat a real fine Dallas team for the NFC championship."

Strangely, with a 7-7 club, the 1972 Vikings had scored more points than the 12-2 Vikings last season.

"More than anything," Grant says, "what that points up is that it is not so much what happens, but when it happens. When do you score your points? When do you make your field goals—or miss them? When do you have a dropped pass or make a big play? When do you get a penalty?"

Grant is heading into 1974 with a 34-year-old quarterback, Fran Tarkenton, of whom he says:

"I think we have the best quarterback in football. Tarkenton calls as good a game as anybody. He's like people such as Roman Gabriel and John Hadl. They've grown up in football and have seen the evolution in the defenses.

"They started out basically against the man-for-man. Then they've gone through the mixed defense—man-for-man and zone—then the almost exclusive zone and now the three-man rush—throwing against eight defensive people.

"They've come along gradually and they're not scared by the defenses. It's a fact of life that

you have to be able to pass into the eight-man zones."

At running back, the Vikings have everything but a Larry Csonka. And except for that oversight, Grant is content.

"Chuck Foreman," he says, "has the ability to make the big running play. Oscar Reed is a fine, quick inside runner. Bill Brown is a blocker, an inside runner, a backup. Ed Marinaro was used frequently on passing downs last year. Dave Osborn probably had the best rushing average of his career although we didn't use him as much as we expected.

"The improvement we made last year at running back was in the pass receiving department. Foreman and Marinaro both are outstanding receivers whereas



RON YARY (Left), All-Pro tackle, and guards MILT SUNDE (64) and ED WHITE (62) discuss offensive strategy with member of Vikings' coaching staff.

Clint Jones (now with San Diego) was not—which limited our passing somewhat.”

On a well-executed play, Foreman caught the pass that beat Los Angeles at mid-season 1973. As for his other catchers, Grant worries some about depth.

“At wide receiver,” he says, “We’ve always had some quality but not the quantity we want. Most teams carry four wide receivers and we haven’t had enough quality to keep that many.”

“This year we might be in a little better shape. We don’t think there is a more dangerous wide receiver in football than John Gilliam. Jim Lash came in as a rookie and spot player last year and did well. I think he’s ready to make a move and challenge for a starting spot. Carroll Dale helped us a great deal earlier in the year but not so much late in the season. Rhett Dawson will be back for another look.”

As tight end, says Grant, “We felt we improved tremendously when we inserted Stu Voigt as a starter, not so much as a pass receiver but as a blocker. Doug Kingsriter came on well and has a fine future.”

The offensive line, says Minnesota’s coach, is his strongest department in terms of starters and backups. The All-Pro is Tackle Ron Yary, who associates with Grady Alderman, Ed White, Milt Sunde, John Ward and center Mick Tingelhoff.

Defensively, here’s what Grant has to say about the 1973 performance of his famous front four: “Alan Page had probably as good a year as he ever has. Gary Larsen came back with a fine season. Carl Eller recovered from that knee injury and played as consistent football as he ever has for us. Jim Marshall—well, what more can be said about what Jim does for us?”

Thinking of the future, Grant sums up: “The front four played well, yet we certainly would like to have drafted a top defensive lineman.”

The Vikings also want more linebackers of what might be called the modern type. Their outside backers, Roy Winston and Wally Hilgenberg, are men



GRADY ALDERMAN, Minnesota offensive tackle in his 15th pro year, uses his fingers to illustrate the short distance needed for a first down.

STU VOIGT, fearless blocking tight end, latches onto pass for 12-yard gain against Dallas Cowboys in NFC championship game, won by Vikings.



whose principle football asset is experience, in Grant’s opinion. Of middle linebacker Jeff Siemon, the coach says: “He played well enough to be selected for the Pro Bowl in his second year.”

Even so, Minnesota drafted a linebacker first, Fred McNeill of UCLA, and another one on the second round, Matt Blair of Iowa State. Blair is 6-5.

Grant: “Linebacker is a very difficult position to play nowadays and we’re asking them to do

more and more. Linebacker is partly physical, but it’s a whole lot mental, too. Linebackers, probably more than any other people, have allowed teams to use the defenses they’re now using. Linebackers have to run—and look at the two we drafted.”

The Vikings hope to use McNeill as their version of the swing man (Bob Matheson) who makes the Miami Dolphins’ 53 defense go. This is basically a 3-8 defense—with three defensive line-

men fronting a network of eight passing zones.

This is the most demanding of the new linebacker positions and it is possible that McNeill won't get the hang of it for awhile. But he represents what most coaches are searching for now as they convert from the four-man line to the three.

At 6-2 and 223 McNeill is a little small to be playing in a defensive line. But when he's in Minnesota's front four, replacing Larsen, he won't be a typical defensive lineman. He'll either be rushing the passer like a blitzing linebacker or dropping back to man one of the eight pass defense zones.

McNeill was listed as a defensive end at UCLA, where his actual position was outside linebacker. The Bruins last year borrowed the USC 3-8 defense, the creation of Coach John McKay. Defensively, the 3-8 was decisive in last winter's two biggest games the Rose Bowl and Super Bowl. Woody Hayes borrowed it from McKay to beat him in the Rose Bowl and Don Shula, of course, smothered Minnesota with it in the Super Bowl.

The 3-8 is bound to spread this season in pro ball, and conceivably college ball. Of the many reasons why it is one of the defenses of the future, the first is that three men can get almost as much rush against the passer as four men when you consider the added problem the passer has finding an open receiver against a pass defense with eight (rather than seven) players.

Second, the 3-8 is a better running defense than it seems. Obviously, it isn't as effective against the run as a defense with a four-man line. But it isn't bad because, in effect, there are five linebackers in the five short passing zones behind the three-man line.

In other years, when Grant has inserted an extra defensive back in passing situations, he has pulled out a linebacker. Thus Minnesota has had some trouble against good running teams. If an NFL running back can slip between Minnesota's front four when they're rushing the passer, there are only two linebackers to

stop him in the second wave before he gets to the five defensive backs.

Grant since 1968 has been the NFL's most successful defensive coach, probably, in terms of consistency. So he will continue to do what he's been doing—except he'll probably do more things now, too, including a version of 3-8.

In this year's secondary, the Vikings are strong at the corners with Bobby Bryant and Nate Wright but not as deep as Grant would prefer. And they're strong at safety with Paul Krause and Jeff Wright, though Grant wants more depth there as well.

At the kicking positions the Vikes seem well equipped for 1974 football. Mike Eischeid was perhaps the NFL's most proficient coffin corner punter last year and in the NFL this fall, this talent, under the new rules, is going to be in greater demand. Fred Cox, the placekicker, is the NFL's most experienced squib kicker on kickoffs. That style will be much in evidence this season on kickoffs from the 35. If you can't knock the ball into the end zone, a squib may make the bad guys fumble.

1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Cox, 96 points on 33 XP, 21 field goals	8th
RUSHING —Foreman, 182 carries for 801 yds., 4.4 Avg., 4 TDs	9th
PASSING —Tarkenton, 169 in 274 attempts for 2113 yds., 15 TDs	2nd
RECEIVING —Gilliam, 42 receptions for 907 yds., 8 TDs	8th
INTERCEPTIONS —Bryant, 7 for 105 yds., 15.0 Avg., 1 TD	1st
PUNTING —Eischeid, 66 punts, 39.8 Avg., longest 57 yds.	12th
PUNT RETURNS —Bryant, 25 for 140 yds., 5.6 Avg.	12th
KICKOFF RETURNS —McClanahan, 16 for 410 yds., 25.6 Avg.	5th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 10 AT Denver (N)	31-7
19 AT Miami (N)	25
25 BUFFALO (N)	31
31 AT St. Louis (N)	7
Sept. 7 SAN DIEGO (N)	7

1974 SCHEDULE	1973 Scores
Sept. 15 AT Green Bay	31-7
22 AT Detroit	23-9
29 CHICAGO	31-13
Oct. 6 AT Dallas	—
13 HOUSTON	—
20 DETROIT	28-7
27 NEW ENGLAND	—
Nov. 3 AT Chicago	22-13
11 AT St. Louis (N)	—
17 GREEN BAY	11-3
24 AT Los Angeles	10-9
Dec. 1 NEW ORLEANS	—
7 ATLANTA	14-20
14 AT Kansas City	—



CHUCK FOREMAN ran for 801 yards and was NFC's Rookie of the Year.

VIKINGS' VETERAN ROSTER

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67	Alderman, Grady	T	6-2	247	35	15	Detroit
	Ballman, Gary	TE	6-1	215	34	12	Mich. St.
	Berry, Bob	QB	5-11	185	32	10	Oregon
30	Brown, Bill	RB	5-11	222	36	14	Illinois
24	Brown, Terry	S	6-2	205	27	5	Oklahoma
20	Bryant, Bob	CB	6-1	170	30	7	So. Carolina
14	Cox, Fred	K	5-10	200	35	12	Pittsburgh
	Dale, Carroll	WR	6-2	200	36	15	Va. Tech
	Dawson, Rhett	WR	6-1	182	25	3	Florida St.
11	Eischeid, Mike	P	6-0	190	32	8	Up. Iowa
81	Eller, Carl	DE	6-6	247	32	11	Minnesota
44	Foreman, Chuck	RB	6-2	216	24	2	Miami (Fla.)
	Gallagher, Frank	G	6-2	245	31	8	No. Carolina
42	Gilliam, John	WR	6-1	195	29	8	S.C. State
68	Goodrum, Chas.	T-G	6-3	256	24	2	Fla. A&M
58	Hilgenberg, W.	LB	6-3	229	32	11	Iowa
89	Kingsriter, Doug	TE	6-2	222	24	2	Minnesota
22	Krause, Paul	S	6-3	200	32	11	Iowa
	Larsen, Gary	DT	6-5	255	34	11	Concordia
82	Lash, Jim	WR	6-2	199	23	2	No. western
	Lawson, Steve	G	6-3	265	25	4	Kansas
75	Lurtsema, B.	DT-DE	6-6	250	32	8	West. Mich.
49	Marinero, Ed	RB	6-2	212	24	3	Cornell
70	Marshall, Jim	DE	6-4	240	36	15	Ohio St.
55	Martin, Amos	LB	6-3	228	25	3	Louisville
33	McClanahan, B.	RB	5-10	202	23	2	Arizona St.
41	Osborn, Dave	RB	6-0	208	31	10	No. Dakota
88	Page, Alan	DT	6-4	245	29	8	Notre Dame
	Porter, Ron	LB	6-3	232	29	8	Idaho
	Randolph, Al	S	6-2	205	30	8	Iowa
32	Reed, Oscar	RB	6-0	222	30	7	Colo. St.
50	Siemon, Jeff	LB	6-2	230	24	3	Stanford
64	Sunde, Milt	G	6-2	250	32	11	Minnesota
69	Sutherland, D.	DT	6-3	250	26	5	Wisc. St.
10	Tarkenton, Fran	QB	6-0	190	34	14	Georgia
53	Tinglehoff, Mick	C	6-2	237	34	13	Nebraska
83	Voigt, Stu	TE	6-1	225	26	5	Wisconsin
40	West, Charlie	DB	6-1	197	27	7	El Paso
62	White, Ed	G	6-2½	262	26	6	California
60	Winston, Roy	LB	5-11	222	34	13	LSU
23	Wright, Jeff	S	5-11	190	25	4	Minnesota
43	Wright, Nate	CB	5-11	180	27	6	S. Diego St.
73	Yary, Ron	T	6-5½	255	28	7	So. Calif.
51	Zaunbrecher, G.	C	6-2	240	26	4	LSU

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Anderson, Scott	C	6-4	234	23	Missouri
Bennett, Barry	P	6-3	215	25	Ouachita
Blair, Matt	LB	6-5	229	23	Iowa St.
Boone, David	DE	6-3½	240	22	East. Mich.
Craig, Steve	TE	6-3½	225	23	No. western
Dixon, Alan	RB	5-11	204	23	Harding
Ferguson, James	RB	6-1	184	21	Stanford
Garrett, Earl	DB	5-11	190	23	Boston St.
Goebel, John	RR	5-11	202	26	St. Thomas
Hatter, Willie	WR	6-0	178	23	No. Illinois
Holland, John	WR	6-0	191	22	Tenn. St.
McCullum, Sam	WR	6-1½	195	21	Montana St.
McNeill, Fred	LB	6-2	223	23	UCLA
McPherson, Joe	LB	6-2½	210	23	Drake
Polti, Randy	DB	6-3	186	22	Stanford
Reed, Barry	RB	6-3½	240	22	Peru St.
Riley, Steve	T	6-5	255	22	USC
Simmons, Berl	K	6-1	200	23	TCU
Skartvedt, L.	WR	5-11	184	25	UNI
Smiley, Larry	DT	6-4	250	24	Tex. So. ern
Tabron, Fred	RB	6-1½	217	23	S.W. Mo. St.
Wachtler, Kurt	DT	6-4	245	22	St. John's
Wallace, Jackie	DB	6-2	188	22	Arizona
Wells, Mike	QB	6-5	225	23	Illinois



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DETROIT LIONS

PREDICTION 2ND

The Detroit Lions are a team with the personnel to catch Minnesota this year if they can put things together and keep their people on the playing field. Last year injuries took the Lions out of the race.

"It is inconceivable," says coach Don McCafferty, "that any team can be hit two years in a row with the number of key injuries we had in 1973. This is not an alibi for our record. Our showing last season was the result of several things. Yet there wasn't a team in the league that lost as many men—most of them starters—as we did. The injury factor was definitely a major one in our 6-7-1 mark."

Quarterback Greg Landry, for instance, was out half the season. Two defensive backs, Rudy Redmond and Wayne Rasmussen, missed the entire season. The offensive backs, Altie Taylor, Mel Farr and Jimmy Hooks, "were lost for a combined total of nine games," McCafferty recalls, "and there were many more"—including starting linemen Jim Yarbrough and Chuck Walton as well as defensive tackle John Small.

Injuries are mostly luck, and as McCafferty says, if the Lions can avoid them this time, they can make a run at the pennant with one of the most interesting coaching staffs in the league.

Raymond Berry, for example, who has the receivers, has one of the better coaching backgrounds in football. Items: He was a self-taught All-Pro (meaning he had to think through every item of the work) who was far-seeing enough to start his coaching career with the Dallas Cowboys, whom he served two years before going back to college for two years under Frank Broyles at Arkansas. The two years at Detroit, for an apprenticeship of six years in all, should certify Berry for a head coaching spot somewhere next fall.

McCafferty has surrounded himself with experienced aides, including two former head coaches, Bob Hollway and Eddie Khayat, and one of the better line coaches, Leon McLaughlin.

It can be said that Detroit's backfield (quarterback Landry and running backs Taylor and Owens) is second to none in the conference. Landry, though under fire in Detroit, which like all towns blames the quarterback indiscriminately when its team loses, is among the NFL's top three or four performers at his position. Along with Taylor and Owens the Lions can run with Hooks, Leon Crosswhite, special-teams star Mickey Zofko and others.

The Lions' most spectacular offensive man, next to Landry, is tight end Charlie Sanders, the perennial candidate for best at his position in pro ball. Other receivers include Earl McCullough, Al Barnes, Ron Jessie, Larry Walton and others.

In recent years the Detroit offensive line has played mostly good football with center Ed Flanagan and such sidemen as

Yarbrough, Walton; Rockne Freitas, Bob Kowalkowski, Rocky Rasley and others.

The most significant defensive statistic last season in Detroit probably was the rise in quarterback sacks from 21 to 33. In a year when there was more emphasis on running in pro ball, and therefore a year in which it was harder to get to the quarterback, Detroit's front four improved immeasurably.

Inasmuch as Detroit's worst problems in recent years have been in the defensive line, the improvement there may have signaled a Lion turnaround. Herb Orvis, the club's defensive MVP last season, joins with defensive ends Ken Sanders and old pro Larry Hand to give the Lions a seemingly stout three-fourths of a front four.

And there are three pretty good candidates for the other tackle position, John Small, Bob Bell and last year's top draft choice, Ernie Price.

This year's top draft choice is a linebacker, Ed O'Neil of Penn State, bolstering a crew that was already strong with Paul

ERROL MANN, the Lions' experienced booter, kicks off as teammates FRED ROTHWELL (65), ROCKY RASLEY (67) and HERB ORVIS (80) head downfield.



Naumoff, Jim Laslavic, Charlie Weaver and others.

There is a full complement of good defensive backs, starting with Lem Barney, Miller Farr and Mike Weger and including Redmond, Rasmussen, Levi Johnson, Dick Jauron and others.

Errol Mann, Jim O'Brien and UCLA rookie Efren Herrera are in the kicking race. The punter is Herman Weaver.

This will be the Lions' last season in Tiger Stadium where, in a structure that has borne several names, they have played football since the 1940s. The Lions' only other home field as an NFL franchise was at the University of Detroit, where they began business in 1934, the year G. A. Richards bought the old Portsmouth franchise and transplanted it in Michigan.

Detroit's new stadium, scheduled for a 1975 opening, is outside Pontiac in what the Lions stress is a metropolitan Detroit area. It is situated amidst millions of potential Lion fans in the heavily populated counties of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb.

Like most modern stadiums, this one will be larger than those completed a few years ago. The builders of the new fields in Atlanta, St. Louis, Cincinnati and most other places in the 1960s thought optimum capacity was in the neighborhood of 55,000. The new norm is 80,000, the approximate capacity at Pontiac.

It will be the first roofed stadium in the Midwest; in fact, the unique feature of the Lions' new home will be its inflatable Teflon roof. The stadium project is priced at \$40 million.

The Lions conceivably will take a winning team to Pontiac. Their 6-7-1 finish last fall for second in the NFC Central was a bit deceptive because of their serious epidemic of injuries.

When Landry went down for the last half of 1973, on top of their other problems, it was all over for the Lions.

But in this era of large rosters and large taxi squads, an injury wave is not always as harmful as it seems—though momentarily harmful. These days when your regulars are maimed, there is no choice but to use backup person-

nel and, in many cases, the backups are players with considerable potential but not much experience. This was the case in Detroit.

When injuries knocked Redmond and Rasmussen out of the defensive backfield, the Lions wound up with half the All-Rookie secondary of 1973, Dick Jauron of Yale, playing his first season on the defensive side, and Levi Johnson of Texas A&I.

Penn State's Jim Laslavic got

some experience at linebacker as did USC's Charlie Weaver, a three-year backup to Wayne Walker. He finally replaced Walker. Defensive tackle Herb Orvis and offensive tackle Gordon Jolley, sophomores who had played sparingly in Detroit the year before, both matured.

Orvis had been a first round choice. Laslavic and Johnson had gone to Detroit on the fourth round.

Altogether on the Detroit ros-

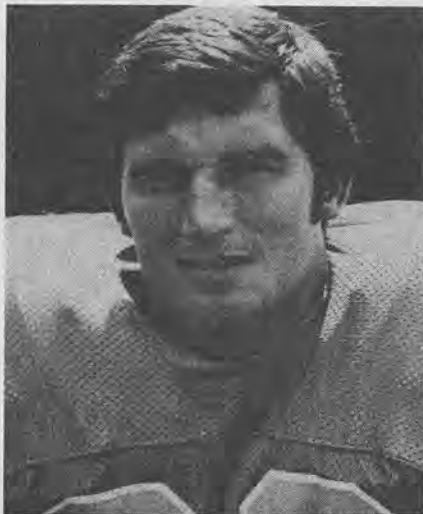


MIKE WEGER, Detroit's dependable safety, pilfers pass against Atlanta Falcons while teammate LEM BARNEY (20) watches with great anticipation.

CHARLIE WEAVER (59), the fourth-year linebacker out of Southern Cal, sets to fend off a block from a Cincinnati Bengal's offensive lineman.



HERB ORVIS, young end, was Lions' defensive MVP for 1973 campaign.



CHARLIE SANDERS rates among best tight ends in professional game.



GREG LANDRY, QB, is attempting a comeback following 1973 injuries.



ter last season, 18 men, or nearly one-half, were first, second or third-year pros.

And thanks to the injuries, they played a lot more football than expected.

This is the kind of thing you can expect in the NFL these days whenever injuries are unnatural in number. There might be a year of temporary sadness whilst the rookies make rookie mistakes. But the next year, they're back with some maturity; and at the same time, the injured veterans are back and raring to go.

Because a good draft system keeps turning up Jaurons, Orvises and Levi Johnsons, a team that is wrecked with injuries one year turns up stronger than ever the next.

The Lions of this generation still have to prove, of course, that they can do it. And although coach McCafferty proved it once in the Super Bowl, he must show that he is capable of better in Detroit than sometimes seemed the case last fall. The Lions, in short, are still a question-mark enterprise.

But under general manager Russ Thomas, they do seem to have rounded up some quality of playing personnel. They concentrated again this year on defense with only one offensive man, running back Dexter Bussey of Texas Arlington, in the top four.

The three top-drafted defensive players were O'Neil, defensive tackle Billy Howard of Al-

corn A&M and defensive back Carl Capria of Purdue.

McCafferty: "Despite our newness last year on defense we intercepted 22 passes, and only one other NFC team (Washington, 26) picked off more. And despite our injuries we ran the ball pretty well and finished behind only the Rams, Cowboys and Vikings on the ground. That was good but we want to be better."

1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Mann, 53 points on 14 XP, 13 field goals	18th
RUSHING —Taylor, 176 carries for 719 yds., 4.1 Avg., 5 TDs	10th
PASSING —Munson, 95 in 187 attempts for 1129 yds., 9 TDs	10th
RECEIVING —Sanders, 28 receptions for 433 yds., 2 TDs	32nd
INTERCEPTIONS —Johnson, 5 for 82 yds., 16.4 Avg.	10th
PUNTING —Weaver, 54 punts, 43.2 Avg., longest 66 yds.	2nd
PUNT RETURNS —Barney, 27 for 231 yds., 8.6 Avg.	5th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Jauron, 17 for 405 yds., 23.8 Avg.	7th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	5 AT Kansas City (N)
	9 AT Baltimore (N)
	16 OAKLAND (N)
	26 AT Cincinnati (N)
	30 AT Buffalo (N)
Sept.	7 CLEVELAND (N)

1974 SCHEDULE	1973 Scores
Sept. 15 AT Chicago	30-7
22 MINNESOTA	9-23
29 AT Green Bay	13-13
Oct. 6 AT Los Angeles	—
14 SAN FRANCISCO (N)	30-20
20 AT Minnesota	7-28
27 GREEN BAY	34-0
Nov. 3 NEW ORLEANS	13-20
10 AT Oakland	—
17 N.Y. GIANTS	—
24 CHICAGO	40-7
28 DENVER	—
Dec. 8 AT Cincinnati	—
15 AT Philadelphia	—

LIONS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
86	Barnes, Al	WR	6-1	170	25	4	N. Mex. St.
20	Barney, Lem	CB	6-0	188	28	8	Jackson St.
73	Bell, Bob	DT	6-4	250	26	4	Cincinnati
87	Brady, John	TE	6-3	215	23	1	Washington
17	Cappleman, Bill	QB	6-3	210	27	3	Florida St.
35	Crosswhite, L.	RB	6-2	215	23	2	Oklahoma
29	Davis, Ben	CB	5-11	180	28	7	Defiance
60	Dennis, Guy	G	6-2	255	26	6	Florida
51	Evans, Mike	C	6-5	250	28	7	Boston Col.
27	Farr, Miller	CB	6-1	190	31	10	Wichita St.
54	Flanagan, Ed	C	6-3	245	30	10	Purdue
76	Freitas, Rockne	T	6-6	270	28	7	Oregon St.
77	Haggerty, Mike	T	6-3	245	28	8	Miami (Fla.)
74	Hand, Larry	DE	6-4	250	34	10	Appalachian
58	Hennigan, Mike	LB	6-2	210	22	2	Tenn. Tech
30	Hooks, Jim	RB	5-11	225	22	2	Central St.
26	Jauron, Dick	S	6-0	190	23	2	Yale
89	Jessie, Ron	WR	6-0	183	26	4	Kansas
23	Johnson, Levi	CB	6-3	190	23	2	Texas A&I
64	Jolley, Gordon	T	6-5	250	25	3	Utah
66	Kowalkowski, Bob	G	6-3	240	30	9	Virginia
11	Landry, Greg	QB	6-4	210	27	7	Mass.
52	Laslavic, Jim	LB	6-2	230	22	2	Penn St.
12	Mann, Errol	K	6-0	200	32	7	No. Dakota
25	McCullough, E.	WR	5-11	175	28	7	So. Calif.
83	Mitchell, Jim	DE	6-3	245	25	5	Va. State
19	Munson, Bill	QB	6-2	210	33	11	Utah St.
50	Naumoff, Paul	LB	6-1	215	29	8	Tennessee
45	O'Brien, Jim	WR-K	6-0	195	27	5	Cincinnati
80	Orvis, Herb	DT	6-5	240	27	3	Colorado
36	Owens, Steve	RB	6-2	215	26	5	Oklahoma
72	Price, Ernie	DT	6-4	255	23	2	Texas A&I
67	Rasley, Rocky	G	6-3	255	27	5	Oregon St.
47	Rasmussen, W.	S	6-2	180	32	10	S. Dak. St.
46	Redmond, Rudy	CB	6-1	190	27	5	Pacific
88	Sanders, Charlie	TE	6-4	225	28	7	Minnesota
82	Sanders, Ken	DE	6-5	240	24	3	How. Payne
84	Small, John	DT	6-4	260	27	5	Citadel
42	Taylor, Altie	RB	5-10	200	26	6	Utah St.
57	Teal, Jim	LB	6-3	225	24	2	Purdue
21	Thrower, Jim	CB	6-2	195	25	5	E. Tex. St.
63	Walton, Chuck	G	6-3	255	33	8	Iowa St.
49	Walton, Larry	WR	6-0	185	27	6	Arizona St.
59	Weaver, Charlie	LB	6-2	218	25	4	So. Calif.
18	Weaver, Herman	P	6-4	210	25	5	Tennessee
28	Weger, Mike	S	6-2	200	28	8	Bowl. Green
40	Wyatt, Doug	S	6-1	195	27	5	Tulsa
75	Yarborough, Jim	T	6-5	265	27	6	Florida
34	Zofko, Mickey	RB	6-1	195	25	4	Auburn

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
81 Blair, T. C.	WR	6-4	220	22	Tulsa
78 Bonica, Chuck	G	6-1	270	24	Ohio State
32 Burden, Willie	RB	5-11	200	22	N. C. State
38 Bussey, Dexter	RB	6-1	195	22	Arlington
44 Capria, Carl	S	6-3	185	21	Purdue
62 Davis, Jimmie	G	6-5	235	22	Alcorn A&M
53 Denimarc, Mike	LB	6-2	225	23	Emporia
92 Douglas, Bob	WR	5-11	180	22	Central St.
15 Herrera, Efran	K	5-9	190	23	UCLA
70 Howard, Billy	DT	6-4	245	23	Alcorn A&M
24 Jones, David	CB	6-2	180	22	How. Payne
55 O'Neil Ed	LB	6-2	235	21	Penn St.
91 Pickard, Bob	WR	6-0	190	21	Xavier
65 Rothwell, Fred	C	6-3	235	21	Kansas St.
61 Scholtens, B.	LB	6-2	225	22	Central Col.
71 Temple, Collis	DE	6-8	230	21	LSU
90 Wakefield, Mark	WR	6-4	190	24	Tampa
68 Wells, John	G	6-4	230	22	Kansas St.
41 Wilson, Myron	CB	6-0	200	22	Bowl. Green
43 Wooley, David	RB	6-2	210	21	Central St.

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PREDICTION—3rd

The Green Bay Packers will resume their role as a mystery team this year. Nobody knows what to expect of them any more as they start their fourth season under Dan Devine.

His record at Green Bay is well known: a 4-8-2 as a rookie in 1971, followed by a 10-4 and a playoff spot in 1972, then a 5-7-2 last fall. To Devine watchers, the most typical of these records was 1972's. That's what they expected him to do more or less all the time.

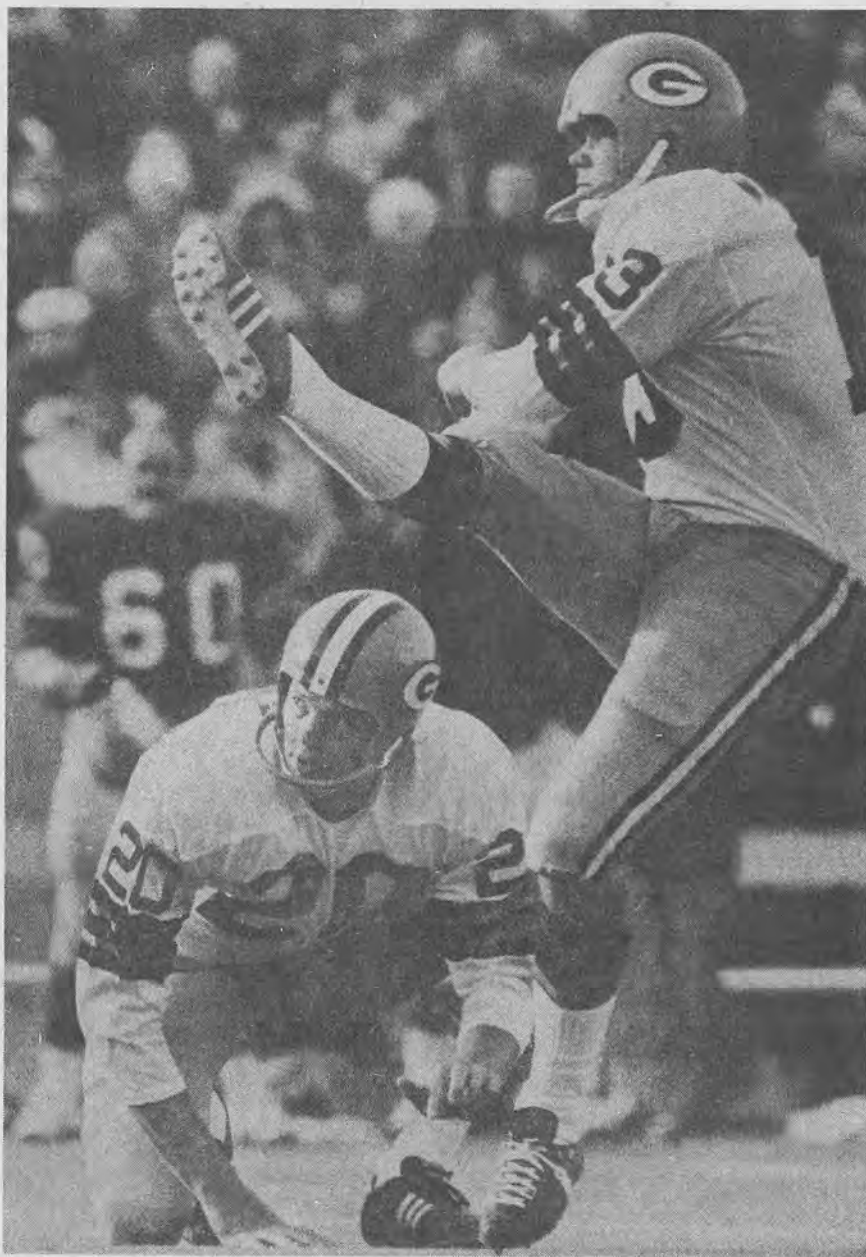
It was long before the 10-4 was a certainty in the fall of '72 that George Allen of the Redskins, after a tough fight with the Packers, said: "I think we'll be seeing them again down the road this season."

The Redskins did, and won again, but the point is that Green Bay was an impressive football club that fall in only the second pro year for Devine.

He had numerous problems last year, including an unforeseen injury wave that caught cornerback Willie Buchanan and placekicker Chet Marcol—the two players associated with 1972's resurgence more prominently than any other Packers. Buchanan was lost for 1973 on October 21 with a broken leg. Marcol's ailment was a pulled groin muscle, the kind of thing that's going to bother a kicker.

Green Bay's main problem was, however, something else last year. It is the same problem the Packers have had since Bart Starr came to the end. They have not adequately replaced Starr at the quarterback position.

For this lapse, Devine must bear the responsibility. Undoubtedly he has noted that in the 1970s, quarterbacks have not been the dominant personages they were in the 1960s. In a running era, anybody can hand the ball to a runner, you might think. And in 1973, indeed, Devine en-



CHESTER MARCOL, Ron Widby holding, kicked 19 XP and 21 field goals.

tered the same two quarterbacks, Scott Hunter and Jerry Tagge, who had directed the 10-4 team in 1972. The third Packer quarterback, Jim Del Gaizo, didn't play that much last fall.

The essential Packer predicament stems from the fact that, in a running era, you still have to throw well when you do throw. Miami's world champions dispatched far fewer passes last year

than the Packers did when their games were on the line. But when they had to pass, or when they wanted to pass, the Dolphins threw the ball well, and the Packers didn't.

Teams lacking satisfactory performers at the quarterback position must find them somehow as their first move. Carroll Rosenbloom did at Los Angeles (John Hadl), George Allen did at

Washington (Billy Kilmer and now Joe Theisman), Minnesota did (Fran Tarkenton) and down the years, most winners have.

When Devine made his move last year it was to get another inexperienced quarterback, Del Gaizo, on top of Hunter and Tagge. Miami's Coach Don Shula made a great fuss about showcasing Del Gaizo during the 1973 pre-season. There are those in the league who believe Shula had found some flaws in Del Gaizo and that Devine, unhappily for Green Bay, bought the showcase.

On Devine's behalf much can be said positively, of course. For most of his career he was one of the college game's great coaches, and in 1972 he was one of the NFL's great coaches. He has been maligned for many things in Green Bay, which doesn't completely understand the main point: namely, if Devine had an Archie Manning or Roger Staubach at quarterback, the Pack would be a Super Bowl contender each season.

If you could link Devine with a Jim Finks—a general manager with the know-how to get him a Tarkenton or a Manning—Green Bay would be an annual winner. Rightly, Devine insisted on being the general manager himself (how many Jim Finkses are there?) and it hasn't cost him in most respects. But it has hurt him disastrously at quarterback.

Although Devine's recruitment of Del Gaizo could yet turn out to be the coup of the century, the overwhelming probability is that it's always a mistake to bring in a young quarterback to compete with two other young quarterbacks for a position demanding experience.

Del Gaizo was 26 and an NFL sophomore without a regular-season background when Devine traded for him. Hunter was 24 at the time, Tagge 23. With quarterbacks of that age and background there's no sound way to evaluate them in pro ball, much less train them.

The core of Green Bay's problem is how to give a youngster the experience he needs in a situation in which the urge is compelling to bench him if a few

things go wrong.

How do you know who's really best when you're dealing with three immature quarterbacks?

In the Wisconsin area there is a Hunter fan club, a Tagge fan club and a Del Gaizo fan club whose members will belong until they die regardless of temporary setbacks.

And any year a training camp is washed out by a strike, or shortened, the mystery and uncertainty will expand.

Devine is giving Tagge the first chance this season. "But Del Gaizo should be a strong contender," he says, "based to some extent on his play before he got hurt, as well as his relief performance in the closing minutes of our first game against Detroit."

On such slender evidence can hopes be raised in a sport like pro football.

At other positions, Devine is strong enough to give Minnesota a run to the wire. He has what some critics believe is the best backfield in football, John Brockington and MacArthur Lane. Incredibly, on a team without the threat of a passing attack, Brockington has run for 1000 yards in each of the last three seasons.

GALE GILLINGHAM is among finest pulling guards in league history.



His talent must be close to O. J. Simpson's.

The first draft choice, running back Barty Smith, can only make Devine's strongest department stronger—unless he uses one of the three in a quarterback deal. Les Goodman also helps this department. Conceivably, Devine could part with both Lane and Smith to get a quarterback.

In the catching department, the Packers lead with Rich McGeorge, one of the NFL's top tight ends. At wide receiver with Jon Stagers, Leland Glass and Barry Smith, the Packers were powerful enough last year to dispose of Carroll Dale. Rookie Steve Odom brings speed.

The offensive line must be doing something for Brockington. The stars start with an All-Pro guard, Gale Gillingham. For at least three years Bill Lueck would have been an All-Pro guard if he hadn't had the Gillingham leg-end to contend with—even in Gilly's injury season. If Ken Bowman retires, the Pack may move Bill Hayhoe to center. Dick Himes is an effective tackle and the Packers also have depth with Larry McCarren, Kent Branstetter, Lee Nystrom and others.

MIKE McCOY, big defensive tackle, readies to tackle KC's ED PODOLAK.



In the defensive line Green Bay has some NFL giants, including Bob Brown and Alden Roche. At 30, Aaron Brown knows everything there is to know about the work. Aaron won the game ball in Green Bay's last game. Mike McCoy fulfilled much of his potential in the latter stages of 1973. Clarence Williams, as good as any of them in Green Bay's big 1972 season, needed surgery last year, and finally got it after the season.

In Green Bay's version of the 3-8 defense, Devine may insert Dave Pureifory as the nose tackle.

At linebacker, long a Green Bay strength, Devine has maintained the tradition. Tom McLeod was the Packers' rookie of the year last fall. Jim Carter went

to the Pro Bowl, and, says Devine, "Fred Carr also came on toward the end of last season." Tom Toner is another comer in this department.

The Packer secondary is one of football's finest when Devine has all hands: Buchanon, Ken Ellis, Al Mathews and Jim Hill.

And this year the coach expects improvement.

"Willie Buchanon's return," he says, "should give a big lift to the secondary. A year's experience also should help Perry Smith (backup corner). He did a good job of filling in for Willie (starting seven games). Although we have been using him at the corner, he could also play inside (safety)."

Undoubtedly this will someday be considered a make-or-break year for Devine, who is in command of more great players than most NFL coaches. Few of his rivals have a Buchanon at cornerback—a man who can single-cover the most dangerous receivers in the league while the rest of the defense is playing zone.

Brockington is possibly football's finest fullback. If you could see Brock in the Miami offense

sometime, he would terrify you. Almost as large as Larry Csonka, Brockington is faster, a 4.5 man. And unlike Mercury Morris at Miami, you don't have to replace Brockington when you want to throw the ball.

Green Bay's offensive guards, Gillingham and Lueck, may be the best tandem in the league. McGeorge compares with most tight ends. Bob and Aaron Brown are greatly gifted defensive players. So is Carter. So is Ellis. If they only had a quarterback.

PACKERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
27	Austin, Hise	CB	6-4	195	23	2	Pr. View
57	Bowman, Ken	C	6-3	245	30	11	Wisconsin
71	Branstetter, K.	T	6-3	260	25	2	Houston
42	Brockington, J.	RB	6-1	230	25	4	Ohio St.
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53	Carr, Fred	LB	6-5	240	28	7	El Paso
50	Carter, Jim	LB	6-3	245	26	5	Minnesota
12	Del Gaizo, Jim	QB	6-1	198	27	3	Tampa
86	Donohoe, Mike	TE	6-3	230	29	5	U. San Fran.
48	Ellis, Ken	CB	5-10	195	26	5	Southern
68	Gillingham, G.	G	6-3	265	30	9	Minnesota
46	Glass, Leland	WR	6-0	185	24	3	Oregon
25	Goodman, Les	RB	5-11	205	24	2	Yankton
21	Hall, Charlie	CB	6-1	190	26	4	Pittsburgh
77	Hayhoe, Bill	T	6-8	260	28	6	So. Calif.
51	Hefner, Larry	LB	6-2	230	25	3	Clemson
39	Hill, Jim	S	6-2	195	27	6	Tex. A&I
72	Himes, Dick	T	6-4	260	28	7	Ohio St.
16	Hunter, Scott	QB	6-2	210	25	4	Alabama
55	Jenke, Noel	LB	6-1	225	27	4	Minnesota
30	Krause, Larry	RB	6-0	208	26	5	St. Norbert
44	Kroll, Bob	S	6-1	195	24	2	North. Mich.
36	Lane, MacArthur	RB	6-1	220	32	7	Utah St.
62	Lueck, Bill	G	6-4	250	28	7	Arizona
13	Marcol, Chester	K	6-0	190	25	3	Hillsdale
29	Mathews, Al	S	5-11	190	26	5	Tex. A&I
56	McLeod, Tom	LB	6-3	225	23	2	Minnesota
24	McBride, Ron	RB	6-0	200	25	2	Missouri
54	McCarren, Larry	C	6-3	240	23	2	Illinois
76	McCoy, Mike	DT	6-5	285	25	5	Notre Dame
81	McGorge, Rich	TE	6-4	230	25	5	Elon
82	Mosier, John	TE	6-3	220	25	4	Wichita
11	Napper, Charlie	QB	6-1	190	24	1	Tex. Tech
70	Nystrom, Lee	T	6-5	258	23	2	MacAlester
73	Oats, Carleton	DT	6-3	260	31	10	Fia. A&M
75	Pureifory, Dave	DE	6-1	250	24	3	E. Mich.
87	Roche, Alden	DE	6-4	255	28	5	Southern
80	Smith, Barry	WR	6-1	190	23	2	Florida St.
45	Smith, Perry	CB	6-1	195	23	2	Colo. State
67	Snider, Malcolm	G-T	6-4	250	27	6	Stanford
22	Staggers, Jon	WR	5-10	180	25	5	Missouri
85	Staroba, Paul	WR	6-3	204	25	3	Michigan
17	Tagge, Jerry	QB	6-2	215	24	3	Nebraska
37	Thomas, Ike	CB-WR	6-2	195	26	3	Bishop
59	Toner, Tom	LB	6-3	235	24	2	Idaho St.
20	Widby, Ron	P	6-4	220	29	7	Tennessee
83	Williams, C.	DE	6-5	255	27	5	Pr. View
31	Williams, Perry	RB	6-2	225	27	6	Purdue
58	Withrow, Cal	C	6-0	230	29	5	Kentucky
65	Wortman, Keith	G	6-2	250	24	3	Nebraska

1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Marcol, 82 points on 19 XP, 21 field goals	10th
RUSHING —Brockington, 256 carries for 1144 yds., 4.3 Avg., 3 TDs	1st
PASSING —Tagge, 56 in 106 attempts for 720 yds., 2 TDs	19th
RECEIVING —Lane, 27 receptions for 255 yds., 1 TD	33rd
INTERCEPTIONS —Ellis, 3 for 53 yds., 17.7 Avg., 1 TD	26th
PUNTING —Widby, 56 punts, 43.1 Avg., longest 60 yds.	3rd
PUNT RETURNS —Staggers, 19 for 90 yds., 4.7 Avg.	13th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Thomas, 23 for 527 yds., 22.9 Avg.	9th

Pre-Season Games

July 25	Intra-squad game (N)
Aug. 2	AT Buffalo (N)
10	ST. LOUIS (Mil.) (N)
17	CHICAGO (N)
24	DENVER (N)
30	AT Miami (N)
Sept. 6	CINCINNATI (Mil.) (N)

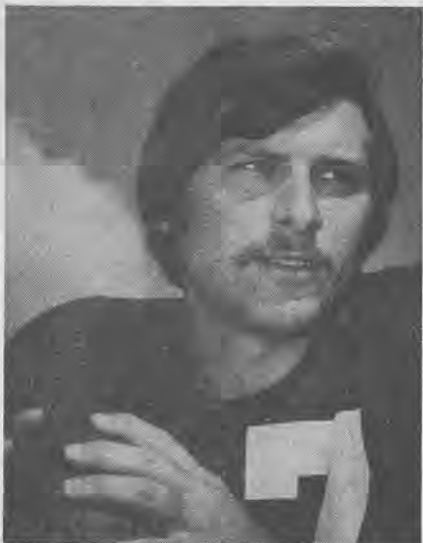
1974 SCHEDULE	1973 Scores
Sept. 15	MINNESOTA 7-31
22	AT Baltimore —
29	DETROIT (Mil) 13-13
Oct. 6	BUFFALO —
13	LOS ANGELES (Mil) 7-24
21	AT Chicago (N) 21-0
27	AT Detroit 0-34
Nov. 3	WASHINGTON —
10	CHICAGO (Mil) 17-31
17	AT Minnesota 3-11
24	SAN DIEGO —
Dec. 1	AT Philadelphia —
8	AT San Francisco 6-20
15	AT Atlanta —

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
52	Armstrong, E.	LB	6-4	222	21	S. Jose St.
89	Basinger, Mike	DE	6-3	258	22	Riverside
58	Brown, Rick	LB	6-3	220	24	So. Carolina
60	Cooney, Mark	LB	6-4	222	22	Colorado
66	Cox, Gary	T	6-4	230	21	Ball St.
61	Doris, Monte	LB	6-2	245	21	So. Calif.
43	Ebow, Howard	DS	5-11	186	21	Houston
19	Guillet, Ned	S	6-1	183	22	Boston Col.
82	Longwell, Brent	TE	6-3	225	22	Nebraska
34	Metello, Paul	DB	5-10	185	23	U. Mass.
63	Neloms, Andy	DT	6-4	260	21	Kentucky St.
84	Odum, Steve	WR	5-8	165	21	Utah
89	Payne, Ken	WR	6-1	185	23	Langston
64	Purvis, Bart	G	6-4	240	22	Maryland
32	Scutt, Gary	RB	6-0	190	25	No. Mich.
33	Smith, Barty	RB	6-3	235	21	Richmond
41	Stark, Robert	WR	6-3	190	21	Montana
26	Torkelson, Eric	RB	6-2	194	21	Connecticut
79	Troszak, Doug	DT	6-3	248	21	Michigan
18	Welker, Randy	P	5-10	177	22	N.W. La.
69	Wannstedt, Dave	T	6-4	245	21	Pittsburgh
49	Wicks, Bob	WR	6-3	205	23	Utah St.
87	Woodfield, R.	WR	6-0	170	23	Portland
23	Woods, Don	RB	6-1	191	22	New Mexico
47	Yaralian, Zaven	DB	6-1	185	21	Nebraska

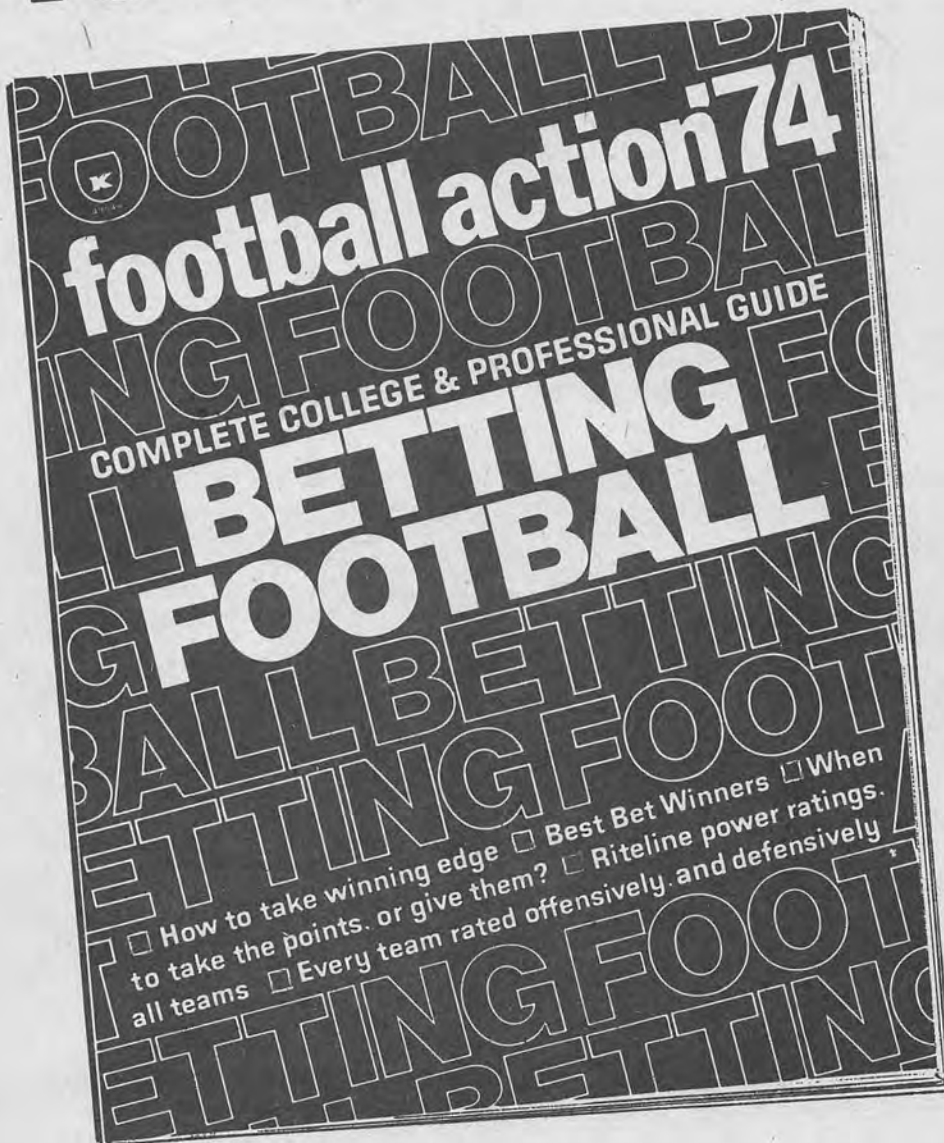


SCOTT HUNTER (Above) and JERRY TAGGE (Below), again battling for Packers' quarterback job, hope to provide improved passing attack.



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CHICAGO BEARS

ABE GIBRON, Coach.

Assistants: Zeke Bratkowski, Chuck Cherundolo, Whitey Dorell, Jerry Stoltz, Jimmy Carr, Ralph Goldston.

PREDICTION—4th

The Chicago Bears are a team in trouble. But unlike Green Bay's troubles, Chicago's aren't due to a quarterback problem. Although Bobby Douglass may be the worst passer among the NFL's established quarterbacks, he isn't the reason why the Bears have been losing.

If everybody else in that organization, from the bench to the taxi squad to the offices, did his job as well as Douglass, the Bears would be a playoff contender.

In other words, the Bears have a leadership problem. As in every NFL city, the explanation for winning and losing records over a

period of years in Chicago is inevitably related to leadership—by either coaches or executives. Although it isn't easy to place the blame for the decline of the Bears on the shoulders of one specific man (or one or two), you can bet on it, there's a leadership crisis there.

Douglass, for example is often passing from behind—a circumstance for which he is only partially responsible. This is a nearly impossible trick for better quarterbacks than he. Indeed, if you want to beat Miami, make Bob Griese play catchup.

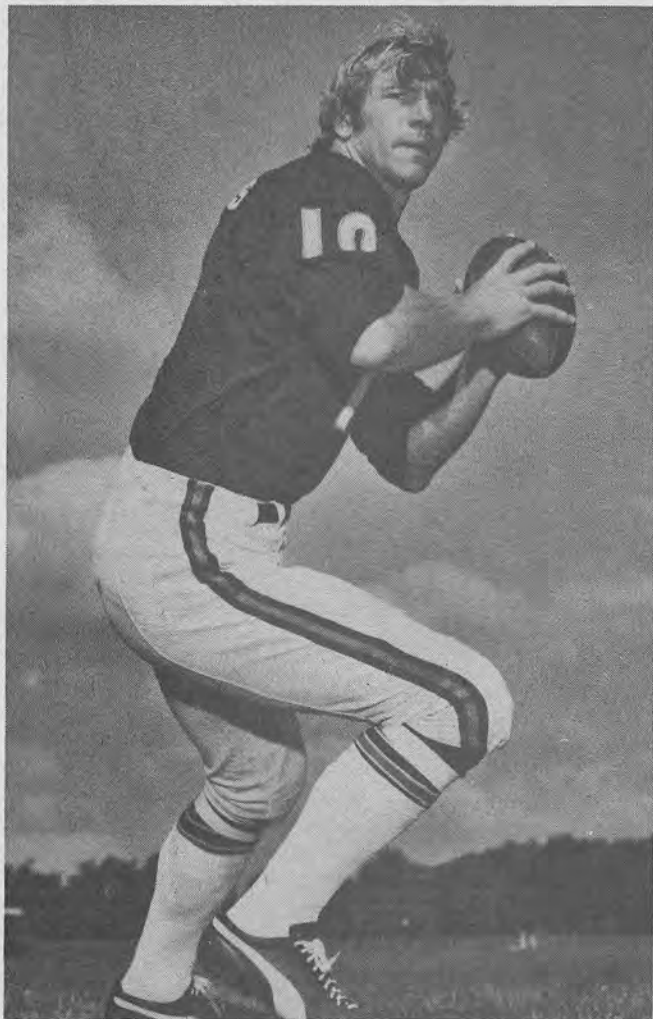
The fact is that if Douglass had Griese's organizational and material support in Chicago he

would be a winning quarterback—in the same sense that Billy Kilmer and Joe Kapp can be called pro quarterbacks.

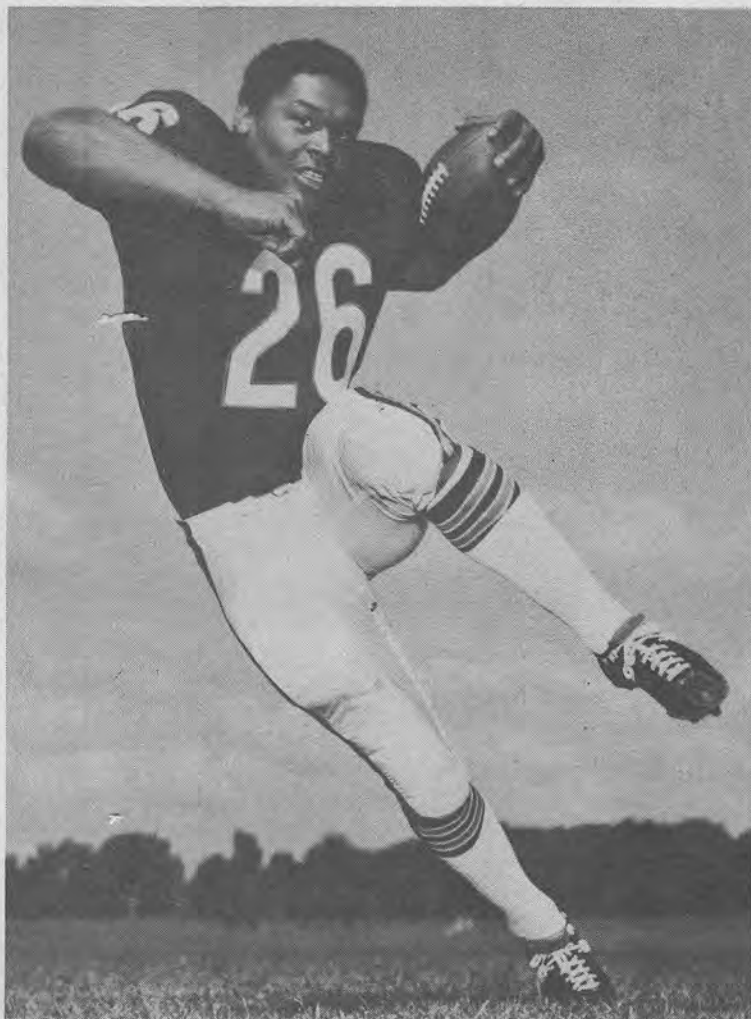
Nonetheless, Douglass is in the middle this year of one of the two major Bear controversies. There is a division of sentiment for Douglass and Gary Huff, the No. 2 quarterback there last year. The other controversy concerns Dick Butkus, who may have played his last game as a linebacker on those crippled knees.

Five surgeons examining Butkus this year in as many cities—including a former Bear All-Pro and Hall of Famer, Dr. Danny Fortmann—have recommended surgery for Butkus. But at no

BOBBY DOUGLASS continues to pose a problem for Bears.



CARL GARRETT led Bears' ground gainers with 655 yards.



time was it likely he'd agree. Bear sources said that before undergoing the knife, Butkus wanted the Bears to authorize it in writing.

For some reason the club hasn't wanted to put it in writing. And there the matter still stood only days before training camp.

It was a controversy doubtless based in part on the fact that Butkus has a no-cut contract this season and can fulfill it if he reports. Coming off an operation, there is some uncertainty about the contract.

In any case, it's a typical Bear controversy, meaning it's one harming the city of Chicago and its fans as much as it hurts the Bears.

Butkus has been the outstanding linebacker in NFL history almost since his first day in the league. Second, those who know him well find him an easy fellow to get along with. Nor is George Halas hard to get along with. But in this instance, things are typically screwed up with the Bears.

At his age, 31, Butkus could easily begin another NFL career as a center if able and inclined.

At quarterback, the Bears are considering either Douglass or Huff. During training camp Douglass will be a man coming back from a knee operation, but Coach Abe Gibrón still has faith in him.

"He's still my No. 1 quarter-

back," Gibrón says. "Huff came on strong at the end last year, but I'd have to say the position is wide open."

At running back Carl Garrett is the new Bear star. "It didn't look that way for awhile last fall," says Gibrón. "Garrett fumbled 13 times in his first three games in Bear uniform."

But there's no doubt about the Garrett talent. The question mark is at the other position. Of Jim Harrison, 6-4, 235, Gibrón says: "If healthy, he's the fullback."

Other sources say, however, the Bears have soured on Harrison. They don't think much of Joe Moore, either, the way Joe talks. They hope Clif Taylor, the third round draftee from Memphis State, makes it.

Gibrón thinks the receivers are among the best he's had. He names George Farmer, Earl Thomas and Tom Reynolds first, then his third draft choice, Wayne Wheeler of Alabama. Others doubt if the Bear organization is that high on Thomas and Reynolds. The club is pulling for Wheeler to come through. He has been a college split end on an unusual kind of wishbone team, one that throws the ball.

Chicago's tight end a year ago until he was hurt was Craig Cotton, who was replaced by Earl Thomas. Gibrón mentions Bob Parsons as a candidate for the starting team this year.

On the offensive line Gibrón thinks he has four good ones: center Rich Coady, tackles Bob Asher and Randy Jackson and left guard Glen Holloway. There are two other guards on roster, Ernie Janet and Bob Newton.

"Coady is a former tight end," says Gibrón. "He can play another position in the offensive line if Butkus is ready at center."

In the defensive line the Bears are planning to make room for their second draft choice, Dave Gallagher of Michigan. The listed starters are ends Tony McGee and Mel Tom and tackles Jim Osborne and Wally Chambers. The potential superstar is Chambers, last year's No. 1 draft choice. If Gallagher is another good one, the Bears are set for the rest of the 1970s in half their defensive line.

They're also set with another middle linebacker in the long Bear tradition—No. 1 Waymond Bryant of Tennessee State—in the opinion of most NFL scouts. Doug Buffone gives them strength at one outside position and, if he's healthy, Jimmy Gunn is the other linebacker. Gunn is coming back from a broken arm.

Gibrón plans an outfield of Alan Ellis and Joe Taylor at the corners and Craig Clemons and Garry Lyle at safety. A strong bench includes 23-year-old Conrad Graham and 37-year-old Bob Jeter.

RICH COADY, a former tight end, can play all offensive line positions.



BOB ASHER, the 6-6, 260-pounder, is a hard-nosed offensive tackle.



The Bears carry two kinds of placekickers, Mac Percival (short) and Mirro Roder (deep), and a 38-year-old punter, Bobby Joe Green.

With Butkus' physical condition in doubt, the Bears are ready with their next superstar, Chambers, the NFL's rookie of the year last fall in his first turn in Gibrion's defensive line.

"He has a chance to be an all-time great," Abe says. "Chambers has the desire of one of those first-generation kids—the type you don't see much any more. He chases every play, even those in which he is not involved."

The Bears in Chambers, Bryant, Gallagher and one or two others are beginning to draft as well as they did in the old Sayers-Butkus days—or so they think.

Bryant has the speed the position demands these days. He's a 4.75 sprinter. At 6-1 he doesn't quite have the height to be an ideal linebacker but he has the heft, 236, for the job. Bryant was the fourth man chosen in the NFL's 1974 draft and the first linebacker.

Ed (Too Tall) Jones played with Bryant on the Tennessee State (Nashville) team that experienced a 10-0 season last fall. Jones, the first man drafted this year, went to Dallas.

Bryant's first interception as a college player came against Grambling in his freshman year.

WALLY CHAMBERS was NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year for '73 season.



He returned it 76 yards for a touchdown. In his last three years at Tennessee State Bryant was credited with 188 unassisted tackles, eight quarterback sacks, nine recovered fumbles and seven interceptions.

Chambers led the Bears in unassisted tackles last year with 101—ending eight seasons in which Butkus consecutively led the club in that category.

Gibrion's first job this season will be to get back the morale that drained away in 1973 when the Bears lost their last six games. In this streak they scored only four touchdowns, totaling only 34 points. But the defense wasn't much stronger in those six weeks, yielding 167 points.

The worst problems for the Bears came after Douglass injured his knee on November 18. This is the first serious injury he has had as a Bear but it took the club out of the last month of the season.

In his five seasons as a Bear, Douglass has gained 2207 yards rushing and barely twice that (4458) with his arm. For a quarterback, those statistics tell it all. Though he has run for 18 touch-

downs, he has passed for only 28.

Even so, considering his experience and running ability, Douglass is passer enough to play quarterback today in pro ball. In his short career he has had four-touchdown days both passing and running.

The Bears are a comparatively young team with 13 rookies last season, nine sophomores and a total of 42 players 30 or under.

BEARS' VETERAN ROSTER (Numerical)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
10	Douglass, Bobby	QB	6-4	225	27	6	Kansas
15	Roder, Mirro	K	6-1	218	30	2	None
17	Hill, Ike	WR	5-10	180	27	4	Catawba
19	Huff, Gary	QB	6-1	200	23	2	Florida St.
20	Taylor, Joe	CB	6-0	200	33	8	N.C. A&T
21	Turner, Cecil	WR	5-10	176	30	7	Cal. Poly SLO
24	Roberts, Willie	CB	6-1	190	26	2	Houston
25	Clemons, Craig	S	5-11	200	25	2	Iowa
26	Garrett, Carl	RB	5-10	210	27	6	N. Mex. H'ds
29	Jeter, Bob	S	6-1	200	37	12	Iowa
30	Gunn, Jimmy	LB	6-1	220	25	4	So. Calif.
32	Ford, Charlie	CB	6-3	185	25	4	Houston
33	Kosins, Gary	RB	6-2	220	25	3	Dayton
35	Harrison, Jim	RB	6-4	235	26	4	Missouri
36	Lawson, Roger	RB	6-2	215	24	3	W. Michigan
37	Graham, Conrad	DB	6-1	184	23	1	Tennessee
39	Sanderson, R.	RB	5-10	206	23	2	Stanford
43	Farmer, George	WR	6-4	214	26	5	UCLA
44	Lyle, Gary	S	6-2	198	28	7	Geo. Wash.
45	Moore, Joe	RB	6-1	205	25	3	Missouri
48	Ellis, Allan	CB	5-10	178	23	2	UCLA
51	Butkus, Dick	LB	6-3	245	31	10	Illinois
52	Coady, Rich	C	6-3	245	29	5	Memphis St.
53	Clark, Gail	LB	6-2	227	23	2	Mich. St.
54	Young, Adrian	LB	6-1	232	28	7	So. Calif.
55	Buffone, Doug	LB	6-2	225	30	9	Louisville
57	Rives, Don	LB	6-2	215	23	2	Texas Tech.
58	Pifferlin, Bob	LB	6-2	226	24	3	UCLA
59	Janet, Ernie	G	6-4	250	25	3	Washington
60	Chambers, Wally	DE	6-6	250	23	2	E. Kentucky
	Holloway, Glen	G	6-2	255	25	5	N. Tex. St.
	Olerich, Dav	LB	6-1	220	29	8	U. San Fran.
63	Kinney, Steve	T	6-5	255	25	2	Utah St.
65	Jackson, Randy	T	6-5	250	30	8	Florida
68	Osborne, Jim	DT	6-3	250	24	3	Southern
70	Rice, Andy	DT	6-2	250	32	7	Tex. So.
71	McGee, Tony	DE	6-4	250	25	4	Bishop
72	Hrivnak, Gary	DE	6-5	248	23	2	Purdue
74	Asher, Bob	T	6-6	260	26	4	Vanderbilt
75	Hale, Dave	DT	6-8	255	26	4	Ottawa
78	Newton, Bob	G	6-4	250	25	4	Nebraska
79	Antoine, Lionel	T	6-6	255	24	3	South. Ill.
80	Cotton, Craig	TE	6-2	225	27	6	Youngstown
81	Reppond, Mike	RB	6-0	179	23	2	Arkansas
82	Thomas, Earl	WR	6-2	215	25	4	Houston
83	Percival, Mac	K	6-4	220	34	8	Texas Tech.
84	Juenger, Dave	WR	6-1	195	23	2	Ohio Univ.
86	Parsons, Bob	TE	6-5	234	24	3	Penn St.
87	Reynolds, Tom	WR	6-3	200	24	2	S. Diego St.
88	Green, Bobby Joe	P	5-11	175	38	15	Florida
89	Tom, Mel	DE	6-4	249	33	8	S. Jose St.

ROOKIES—FREE AGENTS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Alexander, O.	RB	6-3	240	23	Grambling
Barnes, Joe	RB	5-11	205	22	Texas Tech.
Blackford, Rod	P	5-10	190	22	Colo. St.
Bryant, W.	LB	6-3	236	22	Tenn. St.
Chadwick, Alan	QB	6-2	190	20	E. Tenn. St.
Cook, Hank	WR	6-0	182	22	N. Mex. St.
Delazzer, Faust	LB	6-1	225	22	Valparaiso
Erickson, Gregg	RB	6-1	209	22	So. Dakota
Gagnon, Dave	DL	6-4	245	22	Ferris St.
Gallagher, Dave	DL	6-4	245	22	Michigan
Golden, Don	S-P	6-4	210	23	Georgia
Grandberry, K.	RB	6-0	195	22	Wash. St.
Hale, Steve	WR	6-3	200	22	Ariz. St.
Hoban, Mike	G	6-2	235	22	Michigan
Hodgins, Norm	DB	6-1	180	22	La. State
Holland, Craig	QB	6-4	200	23	Arlington
Kelly, Jim	TE	6-4	212	23	Tenn. St.
Kimble, Danny	WR	6-1	190	23	Florence
Knox, Bill	DB	5-9	190	23	Purdue
Kranz, Marty	LB	6-1	185	22	Mankato
Orndorff, Paul	RB	6-1	210	24	Tampa
Pagac, Fred	T	6-0	222	22	Ohio St.
Praetorius, R.	RB	6-3	228	23	Syracuse
Racke, Tim	DB	6-0	188	23	Purdue
Savage, Bob	LB	6-3	228	23	Yankton
Taylor, Cliff	RB	5-11	190	22	Memphis St.
Wade, Steve	C	6-3	248	22	Tulane
Wheeler, Wayne	WR	6-2	185	24	Alabama

1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING—Roder, 35 points on 11 XP, 8 field goals	31st
RUSHING—Garrett, 175 carries for 655 yds., 3.7 Avg., 5 TDs	13th
PASSING—Douglass, 81 in 174 attempts for 1057 yds., 5 TDs	12th
RECEIVING—Thomas, 24 receptions for 343 yds., 4 TDs	40th
INTERCEPTIONS—Lyle, 5 for 62 yds., 12.4 Avg.	11th
PUNTING—Green, 82 punts, 40.5 Avg., longest 62 yds.	10th
PUNT RETURNS—Hill, 36 for 204 yds., 5.7 Avg., 1 TD	11th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Garrett, 16 for 486 yds., 30.4 Avg.	1st

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 3	St. Louis at Champaign, Ill.
12	AT Pittsburgh (N)
17	AT Green Bay (N)
26	AT Baltimore (N)
31	AT Houston (N)
Sept. 7	MIAMI (N)

1974 SCHEDULE		1973 Scores	
Sept. 15	DETROIT	7-30	
22	N.Y. JETS	—	
29	AT Minnesota	13-31	
Oct. 6	NEW ORLEANS	16-21	
13	AT Atlanta	6-46	
21	GREEN BAY (N)	0-21	
27	AT Buffalo	—	
Nov. 3	MINNESOTA	13-22	
10	AT Green Bay (Mil)	31-17	
17	SAN FRANCISCO	—	
24	AT Detroit	7-40	
Dec. 1	N.Y. GIANTS	—	
8	AT San Diego	—	
15	AT Washington	—	



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PREDICTION 1ST

The Dallas Cowboys were one of the National Football League's better teams at the end of the 1973 season. On Thanksgiving Day they held Miami to 14-7—in a game that identified the Dolphins as superior to but definitely within hailing distance of the Cowboys. And in the first round of the playoffs, Dallas disposed of the NFC's hottest team then and now, the Los Angeles Rams.

So Dallas, you can be sure, is a factor going into the 1974 race.

As of the 1975 season, the Cowboys have lost some talent to the World Football League. But almost certainly, the first three Dallas players plucked by the WFL, including Calvin Hill, were expendable. The others, Craig Morton and Mike Montgomery, had some depth value—but in all the recent years of NFL football, it has seemed amply demonstrated that Morton and Montgomery are types lacking the precise talent required of NFL starters on a championship team.

They are good enough if the players surrounding them have championship talent, but they apparently don't have what it takes a lift a pretty good team to championship status.

Much the same, if not more, can be said of Calvin Hill. Calvin is a player who, like Larry Csonka, looks pretty good at times. But take away the richness of the talent around him and he's going to accomplish less—a lot less—than, say, John Brockington or Ron Johnson.

Considering the ineptness around them, Brockington and Johnson have accomplished some remarkable things in Green Bay and New York. But considering the talent around Calvin Hill, he hasn't done that much.

Look at it this way: on Green Bay's quarterback-less team, do

you think Hill could have gained 1,000 yards a year for three years?

Dallas will be hurt by the loss of these three, Hill, Morton and Montgomery, because satisfactory players are hard to get. Nothing, in fact, is harder to get except excellent players.

But if the Cowboys don't lose too many others before 1975, they will contend as usual in the Eastern race that year.

This year, they should win the East again. For one thing, Coach Tom Landry will not have to make a pretense that his quarterbacks, Roger Staubach and Morton, are even. In other summers Landry has felt duty bound to give Morton a lot of time in the exhibitions. The coach has had to make a show of giving Morton a chance to win the job.

This has been necessary because, in a 14-game season, you never know when you might need the No. 2 quarterback. Landry could not risk hurting Morton's feelings.

In the season coming up, however, it won't be necessary to worry about things like that. Morton is gone as of 1975 in any event. The Cowboys can rally around Staubach and give him all the practice time needed in the exhibitions—as well as playing time in the regular season—without fretting that they're not doing right by Craig.

For several seasons it has been evident to most NFC critics that Roger Staubach is clearly the best quarterback in their conference. Archie Manning is coming up and, in the other conference, Joe Namath might be the best quarterback football has developed yet. But as of the opening seasons of the 1970s, the NFL has offered few all-around quarterbacks (meaning those with the ability to pass, run and lead) in Staubach's class.

If the others in Dallas (coaches and players alike) did their jobs

TOM LANDRY, Coach.

Assistants: Eral Allen, Ernie Stautner, Jim Myers, Jerry Tubbs, Ed Hughes, Mike Ditka, Alvin Roy, Gene Stallings.



DREW PEARSON snares scoring pass against Rams in NFC playoff game.

as well as Staubach does his, you couldn't keep the Cowboys out of the Super Bowl—any year.

At the running back positions, with Hill lame ducking it this season, the Cowboys offer Walt Garrison (their most valuable ball-carrier and blocker for at least three or four years) and at least four other players of considerable consequence.

The list starts with Robert Newhouse, who, sooner or later,

will join Garrison in the starting backfield, replacing Hill. Les Strayhorn is a Dallas sophomore with talent. So is Larry Robinson. And with two choices on the first round of the draft this winter, the Cowboys used one of them on a running back from Carolina, Charlie Young.

With all these, it can be predicted the Cowboys will continue to run.

At the receiving positions there are more riches, starting with Bob Hayes, the speedster everybody has to defend first when facing the Cowboys. The flanker is Drew Pearson, who as a rookie stood out last fall. Golden Richards lends depth. Otto Stowe thinks he could beat somebody out of a starting job.

The Dallas line, except for Neeley, is unbelievably young—and Neely is only 30. John Fitzgerald, the center, is surrounded by nothing but talent: John Niland and Blaine Nye, athletes bursting with All-Pro skills, and Rayfield Wright, whom the Cowboys have carefully built into an All-Pro.

The defensive line looks similarly ferocious with Larry Cole and Pat Toomay at the ends and Jethro Pugh and Bob Lilly at tackles. The so-called depth is awesome with Harvey Martin, who as a rookie last season became one of the better quarterback-rushers in the league, and steady Bill Gregory.

Lilly, 35, may or may not be coming to the end. Lilly ranks with Merlin Olsen as the finest of our times in anybody's defensive line, but there have been reports that Lilly is thinking retirement.

When and if he removes himself from football, Lilly will be replaced at tackle by Cole. In any event, this is what the Cowboys are saying.

And with Cole inside, they could start Too Tall Jones at defensive end. Jones was the first college boy drafted this year. Considering the uncertainties posed by the WFL and other groups, the Cowboys are a heavy bet to use Too Tall often and at length this season. That will be a hedge against some of the jumpers.

At linebacker, the Cowboys are

as well fixed as ever with Lee Roy Jordan in the middle flanked by Dave Edwards and D.D. Lewis.

Jordan at 33 is still considered the NFL's top middle linebacker by a number of observers. With the removal of Dick Butkus from the Chicago lineup Jordan finally got some of the acclaim last year that was due him.

Edwards at 34 is a year older but plays with the zest of a boy in his 20s. Lewis is a typical steady Cowboy.

When the Cowboys slip into

the 3-8 defense this year, removing a defensive lineman, their fourth linebacker may be Rodrigo Barnes or John Babinecz. A comparatively slight 215-pounder from Rice, Rodrigo was one of the Cowboys' great rookie producers last fall. He has a faculty for hitting.

Coach Landry goes into 1974 with a familiar outfield: Mel Renfro and Charlie Waters at the corners, Cliff Harris at free safety and Cornell Green strong.

This is one of the better pass-



CALVIN HILL is playing his last year with Dallas before jumping to WFL. ROGER STAUBACH, running keeper play, is stopped by Rams' BILL NELSON.



defense units in football. The depth here is also impressive: Benny Barnes, 22, a third-year pro from Stanford, and Mark Washington, 26.

Half the defense is pretty young. There is some age on Lilly, Edwards, Jordan, Green and Renfro—but if they retire one a year, instead of en masse, the Cowboys can get their replacements ready. Most of the replacements have the skill; experience, however, is something else.

It takes time and opportunity to develop experience.

For example, at tight end, the Cowboys have everything except experience. Billy Joe DuPree, a sophomore from Michigan State, and Jean Fugett, one of the few Amherst men in the league, a third-year pro, are athletes with unique skills. But converting skill into a consistently useful commodity is not promptly done.

BOB HAYES, in 10th season in NFL, still has blinding Olympic speed.



In light of the new rules, the Cowboys would seem to be ready to participate this year in all aspects of the kicking game. Their punter, Marv Bateman, is a man who gets the ball high. Their placekicker, Toni Fritsch, is particularly deadly from the 30-yard line in, where most of the chances are going to come this year.

Looking forward to the season, Coach Landry looks back and says: "We feel like we were good enough to win the Super Bowl last year. Therefore, the only thing we have to do is pick up at our personnel level of the 1973 season."

Regarding the lame ducks who have jumped the Cowboys to the new league, Landry says:

"What we do with these fellows this year depends on how they react, and how the team reacts to them."

Speaking in theoretical terms concerning players who are under contract to two teams—an NFL club this year and a WFL franchise in 1975—Landry says:

"It's very difficult for a man to play to his potential in those circumstances. I don't mean he won't be trying. I mean it's very hard."

1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Fritsch, 97 points on 43 XP, 18 field goals	7th
RUSHING —Hill, 273 carries for 1142 yds., 4.2 Avg., 6 TDs	2nd
PASSING —Staubach, 179 in 286 attempts for 2428 yds., 23 TDs	1st
RECEIVING —Hill, 32 receptions for 290 yds.	24th
INTERCEPTIONS —Jordan, 6 for 78 yds., 13.0 Avg., 1 TD	3rd
PUNTING —Bateman, 55 punts, 41.6 Avg., longest 62 yds.	7th
PUNT RETURNS —Richards, 21 for 139 yds., 6.6 Avg.	10th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Pearson, 7 for 155 yds., 22.1 Avg.	32nd

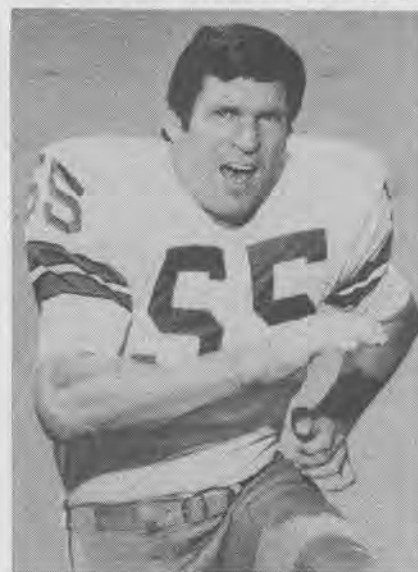
Pre-Season Games

Aug. 3 AT Atlanta (N)	
10 AT Los Angeles (N)	
17 HOUSTON (N)	
24 AT New Orleans (N)	
31 KANSAS CITY (N)	
Sept. 5 PITTSBURGH (N)	

1974 SCHEDULE

		1973 Scores
Sept. 15	AT Atlanta	—
23	AT Philadelphia (N)	16-30
29	N.Y. GIANTS	45-28
Oct. 6	MINNESOTA	—
13	AT St. Louis	30-3
20	PHILADELPHIA	31-10
27	AT N.Y. Giants	23-10
Nov. 3	ST. LOUIS	45-10
10	SAN FRANCISCO	—
17	AT Washington	7-14
24	AT Houston	—
28	WASHINGTON	27-7
Dec. 7	CLEVELAND	—
14	AT Oakland (N)	—

LEE ROY JORDAN was acclaimed NFL's best middle linebacker last year.



COWBOYS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
64	Arneson, Jim	G-C	6-3	236	23	2	Arizona
53	Babinecz, John	LB	6-1	222	24	3	Villanova
31	Barnes, Benny	CB	6-1	190	23	3	Stanford
56	Barnes, Rodrigo	LB	6-1	215	24	2	Rice
81	Bateman, Marv	P	6-4	213	24	3	Rice
17	Clark, Mike	K	6-1	205	33	12	Texas A&M
63	Cole, Larry	DE	6-4	250	28	7	Hawaii
18	Concannon, Jack	QB	6-3	200	31	9	Boston Col.
89	DuPree, Billy Joe	TE	6-4	225	24	2	Mich. St.
52	Edwards, Dave	LB	6-1	225	34	12	Auburn
62	Fitzgerald, John	C	6-5	250	26	4	Boston Col.
15	Fritsch, Toni	K	5-7	185	29	4	None
84	Fugett, Jean	TE	6-3	219	22	3	Amherst
32	Garrison, Walt	RB	6-0	205	30	9	Oklahoma
	Gibson, Paul	WR-DB	6-2	195	25	3	El Paso
	Gipson, Tom	DT	6-7	306	26	3	N. Tex. St.
34	Green, Cornell	S	6-3	208	34	13	Utah St.
77	Gregory, Bill	DT	6-5	255	24	4	Wisconsin
43	Harris, Cliff	S	6-0	184	25	5	Quachita
22	Hayes, Bob	WR	5-11	185	30	10	Fla. A&M
35	Hill, Calvin	RB	6-4	227	27	6	Yale
54	Howley, Chuck	LB	6-2	225	38	16	West Va.
55	Jordan, Lee Roy	LB	6-1	221	33	12	Alabama
50	Lewis, D. D.	LB	6-1	225	28	6	Miss. State
74	Lilly, Bob	DT	6-5	260	35	14	TCU
51	Manders, Dave	C	6-2	250	33	10	Mich. St.
79	Martin, Harvey	DE	6-5	262	23	2	E. Tex. St.
23	Montgomery, M.	WR	6-2	210	25	4	Kansas St.
14	Morton, Craig	QB	6-4	214	31	10	California
73	Neely, Ralph	T	6-6	265	30	10	Oklahoma
44	Newhouse, Robt.	RB	5-10	202	24	3	Houston
76	Niland, John	G	6-3	245	30	9	Iowa
61	Nye, Blaine	G	6-4	251	28	7	Stanford
88	Pearson, Drew	WR	6-0	175	23	2	Tulsa
33	Pinder, Cyril	RB	6-2	210	27	7	Illinois
75	Pugh, Jethro	DT	6-6	260	30	10	Eliz. City
20	Renfro, Mel	CB	6-0	190	32	11	Oregon
83	Richards, G.	WR	6-0	172	23	2	Hawaii
45	Robinson, Larry	RB	6-4	210	23	2	Tennessee
12	Staubach, Roger	QB	6-3	197	32	6	Navy
82	Stowe, Otto	WR	6-2	188	25	4	Iowa St.
40	Strayhorn, Les	RB	5-10	205	23	2	E. Carolina
67	Toomay, Pat	DE	6-5	247	26	5	Vanderbilt
71	Wallace, Rodney	T	6-5	255	25	4	New Mexico
78	Walton, Bruce	G-C	6-6	251	23	2	UCLA
46	Washington, M.	CB	5-10	188	26	5	Morgan St.
41	Waters, Charlie	S	6-1	193	25	5	Clemson
70	Wright, Rayfield	T	6-6	255	29	8	Ft. Valley

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Andrade, A.	RB-DB	5-11	193		No. Mich.
Bobo, Keith	QB	6-3	196		So. Meth.
Craft, Bruce	DL	6-4	232		Geneva
Dulin, Bill	LB	6-6	244		J. C. Smith
Hutcherson, Ken	LB	6-1	214		Livingston
Jones, Ed	DL	6-0	260		Tenn. State
Kelsey, John	OL	6-6	226		Missouri
Killian, Gene	OL	6-4	225		Tennessee
Lima, Fred	K	5-9	202		Colorado
McGee, Harvey	WR	6-2	209		So. Miss.
Morgan, Dennis	DB	5-11	203		West. Ill.
Nester, Ray	LB	6-2	224		Mich. St.
Peterson, Cal	LB	6-3	218		UCLA
Richards, Doug	DB	6-4	185		Brig. Young
Young, Charles	RB	6-1	215		N.C. State

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WASHINGTON REDSKINS

PREDICTION 2ND

The Washington Redskins are a good bet to fight Dallas to the wire again this year. It is customary for these two clubs to make the playoffs each winter, and there is reason to believe the past is prologue to the future in the NFC East. But picking between Dallas and Washington for the title is as hard as ever.

Washington has one obvious edge: depth at quarterback. Although Dallas, with Roger Staubach, leads most NFL clubs at that position, his backup this year, Craig Morton, is in a lame duck category as a 1975 jumper to the WFL.

The Redskins by contrast start the year with three promising quarterbacks: Billy Kilmer, Sonny Jurgensen and Joe Theisman.

Coach George Allen, throughout his NFL career, has always said: "I'm not a three-quarterback man." If he means it this year, Jurgensen, a 40-year-old veteran with leg troubles, may be on the way out.

But somehow you don't expect that. Jurgensen has been around so long—and played so well last year despite injuries—that it would seem prudent for the Redskins to carry him again. On a key day, Jurgensen might be the difference between winning and losing. He is more likely to be the difference than a seventh defensive back, or a ninth offensive lineman, or whoever else is a candidate for the 40th spot on the roster.

Kilmer has earned the starting job at quarterback as a new season starts, and you only wonder if the booing Redskin fans and their cheer leaders around town realize this. The history of Redskin successes in the Allen era in Washington is largely a history written with Kilmer at quarterback.

But it is obvious that the club's future at this position is in the hands of Theisman, the former

Notre Dame quarterback who has been prepping in Canada for the NFL.

Allen negotiated for Theisman and signed him from a conviction that he is the kind of quarterback you have to have in an era like this. Specifically, Theisman is a running quarterback who throws the ball well. In these two respects he is like Allen's great competitor in Dallas, Staubach.

How soon Theisman makes the starting team in Washington is debatable. Kilmer for years has competed against, and defeated, a better passing man than Theisman. If anyone ever writes a biography of Kilmer, the main fact about him might be simply this: he showed that he has what it takes to beat Sonny Jurgensen out of a job.

Jurgensen is, to begin with, one of the three or four greatest passers of all time—a passer to be classed with Sammy Baugh, Norm Van Brocklin and John Unitas. More important than that, he held the affection of Redskin fans through a string of losing years. Jurgensen indeed has appealed to the people of Washington so widely and thoroughly that when Allen turned the Redskins around and showed them how to win, Redskin fans felt, not gratitude toward Allen, but sympathy for Jurgensen because his role was so insignificant.

Washington is the only city in the league today in which a quarterback (Jurgensen) can do no wrong.

And because fans are fans, Jurgensen's great rival, Kilmer, has suffered by comparison. Washington fans have let it be known, loudly and clearly, that they don't think much of Kilmer—despite his record. It is a record which identifies him indisputably as the principle reason why the Redskins keep making the playoffs.

Nobody expects 1974 to be much different from 1973 in this regard. The Redskins figure to

GEORGE ALLEN, Coach.

Assistants: Ted Marchibroda, Bill Austin, Dick Bielski, Joe Walton, Paul Lanham, LaVern Torgeson, Charlie Waler, Ralph Hawkins, Jim Hilyer.

win with Kilmer but their fans don't figure to understand.

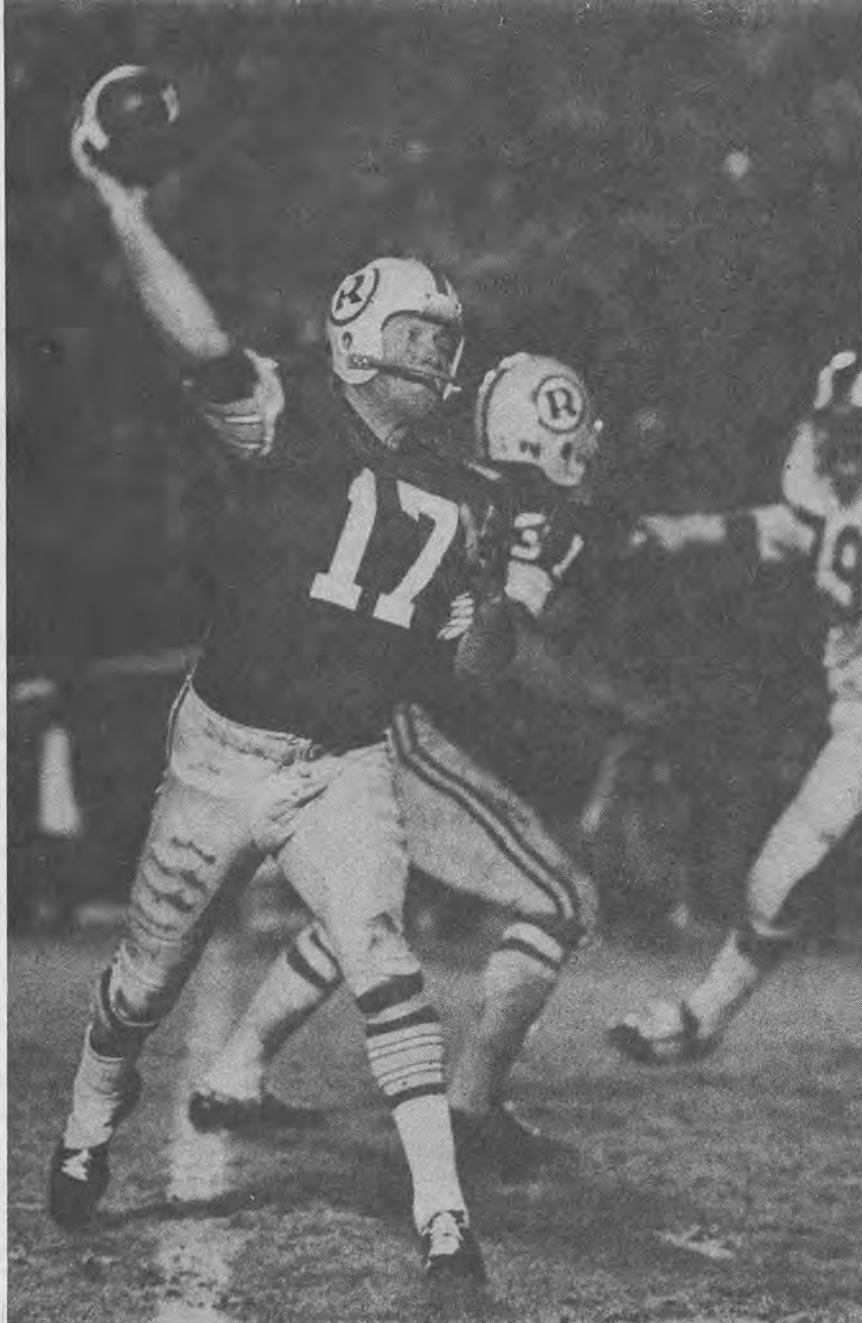
In the backfield this year the Redskins will deploy a winning halfback, Larry Brown, with a new fullback, either Duane Thomas or Moses Denson.

Brown didn't have his best season in 1973 but the problem was not entirely his, or perhaps even mostly his. The Redskins were a team that couldn't run last year. Three groups seemed to be at fault: runners, blockers and planners. Allen had had one of the NFL's great running attacks up to Super Bowl VII, when Miami stopped him. And in the season that followed, everybody else stopped him, too. The Redskin running attack hasn't functioned since the game before that Super Bowl game.

There should be some differences this year. Allen has made his No. 1 priority the resurgence

SONNY JURGENSEN, despite injuries, is one of NFL's greatest passers.





BILL KILMER connected on 122 passes for 1656 yards and 14 TDs in 1973.

of his running offense, and, to assist in that project, he has brought to Washington one of football's fine blockers, Walt Sweeney.

For the last 11 years Sweeney has labored in San Diego, gathering recognition as a superb offensive guard. Now 33, Sweeney might be considered on the downhill side by some franchises. Under Allen, like so many others his age, he is starting a new career.

His physical assets include good height for a guard, 6-4, helping him on pass blocking. And when the Redskins run, Sweeney will be fronting more talent than he has usually seen in the last decade or so.

Brown at 27 should be reaching

his peak. Duane Thomas is the same age and, if they are the Redskin backfield, it will be a different and potentially more dangerous backfield than any Washington has recently fielded.

Denson, who might wind up as the fullback, is a 30-year-old Canadian football veteran who was injured in the last days of the Redskin training camp a year ago and missed the season.

The first player Allen drafted in 1972, Denson had a lifetime average of 5.8 in Canada.

At the receiving positions the Redskins combine three of the finest in their conference: Charley Taylor, Roy Jefferson and tight end Jerry Smith.

Allen lists as one of his highest



CHARLEY TAYLOR topped Washington with 59 receptions for 801 yards.

priorities this season improved tight end play. Smith has had some injuries in the last couple of seasons but, at 31, he's getting to be the right age for a Redskin star.

Taylor, now 32, remains one of the game's leading receivers. He and Jefferson both could benefit if Theisman plays some of the quarterback position this year. A heady scrambler, Theisman will shake up the defenses, giving Taylor some running room. And as a runner, Taylor for years has ranked among the NFL's top receivers.

In the offensive line, besides Sweeney, the Redskins will be deploying Terry Hermeling, Walt Rock, Paul Laaveg and center Len Hauss.

John Wilbur, who has signed with Hawaii for the 1975 season, goes into training camp as one of the Redskins' three guards, making them as well fixed at this position as any team in football.

The defensive line has the old strength Allen demanded and obtained in his first spring in Washington: the same ends, Ron McDole and Verlon Biggs, and the same tackles, Diron Talbert and Bill Brundige.

To nobody's surprise last year,

this group again led the NFL in sacking quarterbacks. The front four depth is also formidable with Manny Sistrunk and Willie Holman, Allen's 29-year-old recruit from the Chicago Bears last year.

The one defensive problem is at middle linebacker, where Myron Pottios, at 35, can't go full-time. Pottios brings experience and savvy to the position but not the same legs. The work could be had by Russell Tillman or Harold McLinton if either wants it.

Otherwise Redskin linebacking is among the league's strongest with Dave Robinson left and Chris Hanburger right. This is a team whose linebackers are hard to fool.

There is the same kind of maturity at the left corner with 34-year-old Pat Fischer. A seven-

year veteran, Mike Bass, is on the right side. Ken Houston, an All-Pro, returns at strong safety with Brig Owens free.

The punter is Mike Bragg, the kicker Curt Knight.

This is a team with some holes in it, more than Dallas has. The strength of Dallas is its all-around strength. The Cowboys excel in all positions. For years they have not been outmanned in the league.

Washington is a different kind of team. It has the great runner in Larry Brown and possibly a better unit of receivers than Dallas can start. But the Dallas offensive line has been more reliable than Washington's

Similarly, Dallas' linebacking is more reliable. A team with Lee Roy Jordan in the middle has a long headstart over any rival still looking for a middle linebacker.

The secondaries on balance are about even, although Houston, at 29, is possibly of more value than any Dallas defensive back.

The kicking games may also be even. Dallas has the better specialists but Washington has the better drilled supporting casts. Considering the evidence, you vote for Dallas as champion.



PAUL LAAVEG, a strong 245-pounder, is a steady, unspectacular guard.

CURT KNIGHT led Redskins with 103 points, but kicking was erratic.



1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

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PUNTING —Bragg, 64 punts, 40.3 Avg., longest 61 yds.	11th
PUNT RETURNS —Duncan, 28 for 288 yds., 8.1 Avg.	8th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Mul-Key, 36 for 1011 yds., 28.1 Avg., 1 TD	2nd

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 2 NEW ENGLAND (N)	
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13 MIAMI	—
20 N.Y. GIANTS	27-24
27 AT St. Louis	27-34
Nov. 3 AT Green Bay	—
10 AT Philadelphia	28-7
17 DALLAS	14-7
24 PHILADELPHIA	38-20
28 AT Dallas	7-27
Dec. 9 AT Los Angeles (N)	—
15 CHICAGO	—

REDSKINS' VETERAN ROSTER

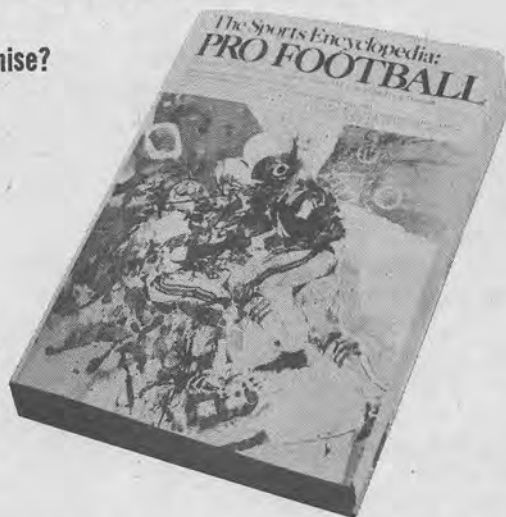
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41	Bass, Mike	CB	6-0	190	29	7	Michigan
86	Biggs, Verlon	DE	6-4	275	31	10	Jackson St.
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56	Haus, Len	C	6-2	235	32	11	Georgia
75	Hermeling, Terry	T	6-5	255	27	5	Reno
85	Holman, Willie	DE	6-4	254	29	7	S.C. State
	Horton, Larry	DE	6-5	255	24	2	Iowa
27	Houston, Ken	S	6-3	198	29	8	Pr. View
25	Hull, Mike	RB	6-3	220	28	7	So. Calif.
40	Hyatt, Freddie	WR	6-3	210	28	6	Auburn
	Imhoff, Martin	DE	6-6	256	24	2	S. Diego St.
48	Jaqua, Jon	S	6-0	190	26	4	Lewis & Clark
80	Jefferson, Roy	WR	6-2	195	30	10	Utah
	Johnson, Con	G	6-2	245	30	7	Va. Union
69	Johnson, Dennis	DT	6-4	260	22	1	Delaware
9	Jurgensen, S.	QB	6-0	203	40	18	Duke
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5	Knight, Curt	K	6-2	190	31	6	Coast Guard
73	Laaveg, Paul	G	6-4	250	25	5	Iowa
24	Malinchak, Bill	WR	6-1	200	30	9	Indiana
79	McDole, Ron	DE	6-4	265	34	14	Nebraska
53	McLinton, Harold	LB	6-2	235	27	6	Southern
	Moseley, Mark	K	6-0	205	26	3	Austin
28	Mul-Key, Herb	RB	6-0	190	24	3	None
23	Owens, Brig	S	5-11	190	31	9	Cincinnati
52	Pergine, John	LB	6-1	225	28	6	Notre Dame
66	Pottios, Myron	LB	6-2	232	35	14	Notre Dame
88	Reed, Alvin	TE	6-5	235	30	8	Pr. View
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64	Sistrunk, Manuel	DT	6-5	265	27	5	Ark. AM&N
87	Smith, Jerry	TE	6-3	208	31	10	Arizona St.
	Smith, Larry	RB	6-3	220	26	6	Florida
74	Starke, George	T	6-5	249	25	2	Columbia
20	Stone, Ken	S	6-1	179	23	2	Vanderbilt
	Sturt, Fred	G-T	6-4	255	23	1	Bowl, Green
	Sweeney, Walt	G	6-4	254	33	12	Syracuse
	Sweet, Joe	WR	6-2	196	26	3	Tenn. St.
72	Talbert, Diron	DT	6-5	255	30	8	Texas
42	Taylor, Charley	WR	6-3	210	32	11	Arizona St.
22	Taylor, Roosevelt	S	5-11	186	36	13	Grambling
47	Thomas, Duane	RB	6-2	215	27	4	W. Tex. St.
67	Tillman, Russell	LB	6-2	230	28	5	No. Arizona
29	Vactor, Ted	CB	6-0	185	30	6	Nebraska
60	Wilbur, John	G	6-3	251	31	9	Stanford
38	Willis, Larry	S	5-11	171	25	1	El Paso
18	Wyche, Sam	QB	6-4	218	29	6	Furman

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Abrams, Anthony	S	6-3	195	24	Va. State
Anderson, Nate	RB	6-1	200	23	Eastern Ill.
Arotzky, Robert	G	6-4	248	23	Colgate
Arnold, Jay	S	6-1	190	22	Austin
Bealor, Bruce	C	6-1	245	23	Trinity
Borg, Randal	DB	5-11	187	22	Nebraska
Bostick, Aaron	TE	6-5	220	24	Fisk
Carpenter, Ron	WR	6-3	187	24	Central St.
Cason, Robert	QB	6-1	185	25	Puget Sd.
Chapman, Gary	S	5-10	175	24	Fisk
Flater, Mike	K	5-10	164	24	Col. Mines
Flowers, Herb	T	6-3	250	25	S.W. Tex. St.
Floyd, Jim	CB	5-11	170	25	Chattanooga
Gaines, Palmer	FB	6-1	207	24	Delaware
Hammon, Ira	WR	6-2	195	23	Pacific L.
Johnson, Dan	G	6-3	245	22	Trinity
Johnson, Larry	LB	6-2	218	23	Eliz. City
Jusko, Jeff	LB	6-2	225	21	None
Kennedy, Jim	TE	6-2	227	22	Colo. State
Kozlowski, Julius	C	6-2	250	26	New Mexico
Lee, Billy (Pete)	G	6-2	290	23	Ball St.
Miller, Joe	T	6-4	250	22	Villanova
Newton, Jim	DE	6-3	260	24	Va. State
O'Dell, Stu	LB	6-1	220	22	Indiana
Paulus, Tim	WR	6-3	190	21	Kansas St.
Pearson, Mike	CB	5-11	186	25	Fayetteville
Pegg, David	P-K	5-11	180	23	None
Privette, Chas.	DE	6-5	255	27	Arizona
Renfrow, Robert	DT	6-6	290	25	None
Robertson, G.	WR	6-4	190	22	Illinois
Roberts, Bill	T	6-4	250	23	None
Robinson, D.	RB	6-1	190	22	Dakota St.
Satterwhite, H.	WR	5-11	180	21	S. Houston
Savere, James	DE	6-7	265	25	None
Scott, Jim	WR	5-11	165	21	Penn St.
Sens, Mark	DE	6-5	265	22	Colorado
Shannon, Don	LB	6-0	215	22	Duke
Shipley, Randal	G	6-1	250	24	Pacific L.
Smith, Herb	G	6-2	245	25	Federal C.
Theismann, Joe	QB	6-0	184	24	Notre Dame
Torzala, Dan	K	5-11	180	25	Colo. St.
Unrau, Stuart	C	6-4	230	22	Kearney St.
Vann, Johnny	CB	5-10	177	22	So. Dakota
Varty, Mike	LB	6-2	225	22	No. western
Walters, Robert	LB	6-2	225	23	No. Carolina
Watson, John	LB	6-1	225	23	Salisbury
Watson, Paul	DE	6-3	245	23	West. Ky.
Weatherspoon, E.	DB	6-2	185	24	Arizona
Williams, Joe	DE	6-3	280	28	Maryland St.
Williams, Mark	K	6-0	192	23	Rice

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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

PREDICTION—3rd

The Philadelphia Eagles under a new coach last year, Mike McCormack, became the first good pro team in a long while—if indeed they are a good team—to build their offense first.

Since at least the time of Vince Lombardi, it has been customary, and has seemed unquestionably logical, to develop a defense first.

The theory is that with a defense, you're always in the game. You may not have enough offense to win right along, but at least they can't beat you badly—and most significant of all, you can steal a win once in awhile with defense.

Your offense can't steal you many if you don't have a defense because most of the time, a leaky defense is going to get you outscored.

Last year, at the time McCormack was noisily and busily tinkering with his offense, all this was evident. Those watching were of the opinion that McCormack and especially his pass-offense coordinator, Boyd Dowler, probably would put together an exciting offense in a long overdue reconstruction year in Philly—but might have trouble winning because of defensive insufficiencies.

And this is the way it came to pass. Despite an offense that was for a spell the talk of the league, the 1973 Eagles (5-8-1) won only three more games than the 1972 Eagle team.

So McCormack is turning to defense this year in an effort to catch the leaders of his division, Dallas and Washington, both of whom specialize in defense. But the question is whether, after giving Dallas an extra year's head-start, McCormack can catch up defensively before his offense begins to run down.

Roman Gabriel, the quarterback, is 34 years old with a record of only one outstanding season in his last three. At the very least, if Gabriel is going to have

time to make the Super Bowl before he retires, the Philadelphia defense will have to start coming together this fall.

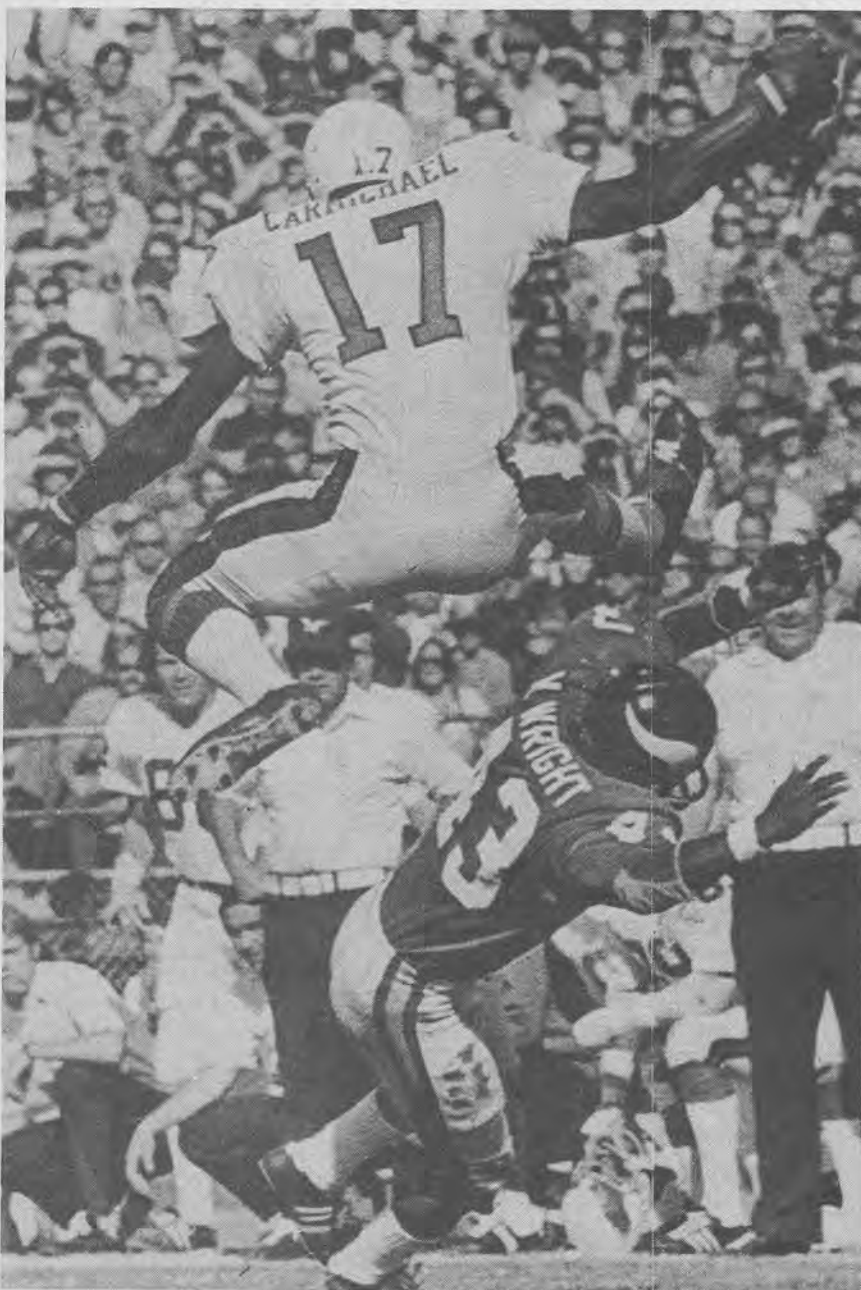
The Eagle offense, as it performed last year, was the best in the Eastern Division and possibly in the conference.

"Gabriel," says McCormack, "surpassed every expectation that

we had when we made the trade. We wanted a team leader and Gabe became an extraordinary team leader. He has done an outstanding job for the Philadelphia Eagles both on and off the field."

In the year of his resurgence following the trauma of arm problems in Los Angeles, Gabriel threw 23 touchdown passes last

HAROLD CARMICHAEL, Eagles' 6-8 receiver, leaps over Minnesota's NATE WRIGHT, but was penalized 15 yards for hurdling, an illegal maneuver.



MIKE McCORMACK, Coach.

Assistants: John Sandusky, John Idzik, Boyd Dowler, John Mazur, Walt Michaels, Jerry Wampfler, Dick LeBeau.

fall and led the league in completions and passing yards.

But the measure of the new Eagles is that they parted with two first draft choices and two good players, Harold Jackson, to get Gabriel from Los Angeles. Then they gave their No. 2 draft pick to Baltimore for another offensive player, Norm Bulaich.

Unmistakably, Bulaich is one of the league's great backs when healthy and Gabriel one of the great quarterbacks. But at a comparable point of his Green Bay career, Vince Lombardi wasn't giving up first draft choices for quarterbacks—on the contrary, he was using what resources he deemed expendable in trades for defense players and was making do with the quarterbacks at hand, including Bart Starr, who didn't amount to much until some time thereafter.

At the comparable points of their careers, Bud Grant, George Allen, Tom Landry and most of the others were thinking defense.

The question in Philadelphia is whether McCormack is on the right track for the long run.

Beyond much doubt, his new offense is at the moment a thing of beauty. It can be argued that Philadelphia's backfield is right there with any in the league. Watching Tom Sullivan run as a sophomore in Philadelphia, after he had carried the ball for only

13 yards the season before as a rookie drafted on the 15th round, you had to conclude that here is all the halfback you need in the NFL today. And Bulaich is all the fullback.

As catchers, the Eagles last year deployed the most effective five-man combination in the league: tight end Charles Young, wide receivers Harold Carmichael and Don Zimmerman and backs Bulaich and Sullivan.

Carmichael, Young and Bulaich were the most productive receivers in the league in their positions. Carmichael, 6-8, led the NFL with 67 catches and Young caught 55, making both rookie of the year and All-Pro on many lists.

The chief executioner of this attack was Gabriel, the NFL's 1969 MVP in Los Angeles. But the architect of the project was Philadelphia's new pass-offense coach, Dowler, a veteran of many big years as a Green Bay receiver.

Dowler has always thought that if he would take charge of a passing game in the NFL, he'd show the people something. He did.

A reason for the success of the air force and for the effectiveness of graceful halfback Sullivan and bullish fullback Bulaich was a rebuilt offensive line.

McCormack, an old line coach

himself, incorporated two rookies—Jerry Sisemore at tackle and Guy Morriss at center—with three veterans, Steve Smith, Mark Nordquist and the converted defensive lineman, Wade Key.

Sisemore and Morriss both made the All-Rookie team as Philadelphia ran and passed like an oldtime 1950s NFL offensive team.

The defense, meanwhile, was too thin for a title contender as the season started and disintegrated with injuries to Steve Zabel, John Bunting, William Wynn, Al Nelson and others.

At the end of the season the Eagles were lining up three free agents at the linebacking positions.

This year, if they're well, Wynn and Richard Harris will be in the front four with sophomore Bill Dunstan and veteran Gary Pettigrew with former starter Don Hultz for depth. Harris, a top draft choice four years ago, is returning to end. With practice playing together, this can be an effective line.

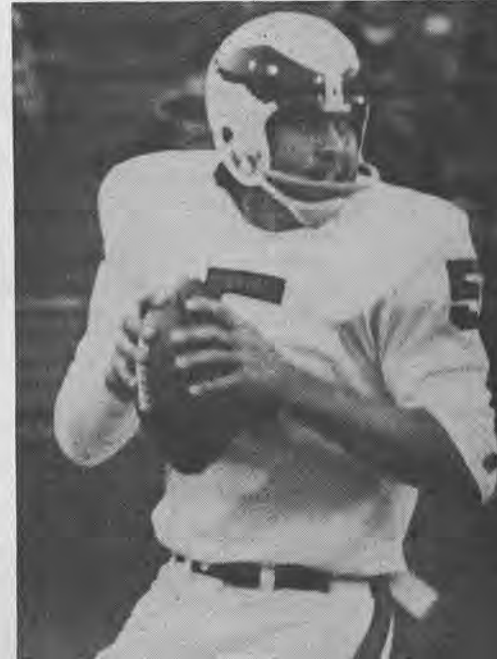
At linebacker, the outside spots are strong if Steve Zabel has recovered from Achilles tendon surgery and if John Bunting's broken arm last year was just a sometime thing.

Middle linebacker is in doubt again with Dean Halverson possibly getting the first chance

OFFENSIVE EAGLES L to R—JERRY SISEMORE, tackle, TOM SULLIVAN, RB, and wide receivers HAROLD CARMICHAEL and DON ZIMMERMAN.



ROMAN GABRIEL emerged as Eagles' offensive field leader last year.





NORM BULAICH sidesteps JIM FILES (58) for big gain against Giants.

there. Rookie Frank Lemaster is in the running with Tom Roussel and other veterans.

The Philadelphia secondary is the strongest defensive department, based on last year's accomplishments. With Al Nelson back at a corner, Joe Lavender and John Outlaw are among those under consideration for starting positions. The safeties are All-Pro Bill Bradley and sophomore Randy Logan, the leading tackler and interceptor (five) for Philadelphia last fall.

The kicking game stars Tom Dempsey and two punters, Tom McNeill and Bill Bradley.

McCormack, expressing confidence in his defense, thinks the playoffs are within sight this season.

"I know our players, coaching staff and the fans of Philadelphia feel we can play with anyone," he says, "and I believe we proved that last season. We were not out of any game. And with an improved defense to give the offense one or two more opportunities per game, we have an excellent chance to make the playoffs this year."

"Once in the playoffs," McCormack says, "you have to be a little lucky to make the Super Bowl. But if we become one of the final eight, we'll take our chances."

A year ago McCormack announced that offensive improve-

ment was his first priority. This year he is saying the defensive reconstruction can be completed in time to guarantee at least a wild card berth in the tournament this winter.

"I believe defense is a more natural, instinctive position for a football player," he says, "and that by playing together for one year, our defense will be of NFL caliber this year."

"Steve Zabel will play a very important part in our expected improvement. He has worked very hard to rehabilitate himself after the Achilles surgery and he'll be a big factor along with a slimmed down Richard Harris."

The schedule may help the Eagles gain a wild card position. Although they have to play four games against Washington and Dallas, the non-divisional dates aren't that difficult. The Eagles should be able to handle San Diego, Baltimore and New Orleans and conceivably they can outscore Green Bay and Detroit.

Their toughest nondivisional opponent is Pittsburgh, but, within their division, the Eagles should be able to sweep the Giants and Cards.

1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Dempsey, 106 points on 34 XP, 24 field goals			3rd
RUSHING —Sullivan, 217 carries for 968 yds., 4.5 Avg., 4 TDs			5th
PASSING —Gabriel, 270 in 460 attempts for 3219 yds., 23 TDs			4th
RECEIVING —Carmichael, 67 receptions for 1116 yds.			1st
INTERCEPTIONS —Logan, 5 for 38 yds., 7.6 Avg.			13th
PUNTING —McNeill, 46 punts, 40.9 Avg., longest 66 yds.			8th
PUNT RETURNS —Bradley, 8 for 106 yds., 13.3 Avg.			18th
KICKOFF RETURNS —James, 16 for 413 yds., 25.8 Avg.			4th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	4 ATLANTA (N)
	10 AT Cincinnati (N)
	17 PITTSBURGH (N)
	24 AT Oakland (N)
	31 NY Giants at Princeton NJ
Sept.	8 AT New England (N)

1974 SCHEDULE	1973 Scores
Sept. 15 AT St. Louis	27-24
23 DALLAS (N)	30-16
29 BALTIMORE	—
Oct. 6 AT San Diego	—
13 N.Y. GIANTS	20-16
20 AT Dallas	10-31
27 AT New Orleans	—
Nov. 3 AT Pittsburgh	—
10 WASHINGTON	7-28
17 ST. LOUIS	23-34
24 AT Washington	20-38
Dec. 1 GREEN BAY	—
8 AT N.Y. Giants	23-23
15 DETROIT	—



GARY PETTIGREW anchors improving Philadelphia defensive front line.

EAGLES' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	College
39	Alexander, K.	S	5-11	187	33	12	UCLA
11	Arrington, Rick	QB	6-3	200	27	4	Tulsa
31	Bailey, Tom	RB	6-2	211	25	4	Florida St.
46	Bougness, Lee	RB	6-2	210	26	4	Louisville
28	Bradley, Bill	S-P	5-11	190	27	6	Texas
36	Bulaich, Norm	RB	6-1	218	27	5	TCU
95	Bunting, John	LB	6-1	220	24	3	No. Carolina
17	Carmichael, H.	WR	6-8	225	24	4	Southern
21	Chesson, Wes	WR	6-2	189	25	4	Duke
8	Coleman, Al	S	6-0	183	29	7	Tenn. State
81	Davis, Stan	WR	5-10	180	24	2	Memphis St.
19	Dempsey, Tom	K	6-1	255	27	6	Palomar
61	Dunstan, Bill	DT	6-4	250	25	2	Utah St.
5	Gabriel, Roman	QB	6-4	220	34	13	N.C. St.
33	Germany, W. (L)	CB	6-0	195	26	3	Morgan St.
56	Halverson, Dean	LB	6-2	230	28	6	Washington
84	Harris, Richard	DT	6-5	265	26	4	Grambling
18	Hawkins, Ben	WR	6-1	180	30	9	Arizona St.
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72	Key, Wade	G	6-5	245	27	5	S.W. Tex. St.
66	Kirksey, Roy	G	6-1	255	26	4	Maryland St.
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30	Lavender, Joe	CB	6-4	190	25	2	S. Diego St.
41	Logan, Randy	S	6-1	195	23	2	Michigan
63	Luken, Tom	G	6-3	253	24	3	Purdue
6	Maxwell, Jim	QB	6-2	200	24	1	Tennessee
12	McNeill, Tom	P	6-1	195	30	8	S. F. Austin
62	Morris, Guy	C	6-4	255	23	2	TCU
26	Nelson, Al	CB	5-11	186	30	10	Cincinnati
68	Nordquist, Mark	G	6-4	246	28	7	Pacific
48	Oliver, Greg	RB	6-0	192	25	2	Trinity (Tex.)
20	Outlaw, John	CB	5-10	180	29	6	Jackson St.
88	Pettigrew, Gary	DT	6-5	255	29	9	Stanford
82	Picard, Bob	WR	6-1	195	24	2	E. Wash.
7	Reaves, John	QB	6-3	210	24	3	Florida
52	Reilly, Kevin	LB	6-2	220	23	2	Villanova
54	Roussel, Tom	LB	6-3	235	29	7	So. Miss.
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67	Winfield, Vern	G	6-3	245	25	3	Minnesota
23	Williams, Roger	S	5-11	180	28	3	Grambling
71	Wynn, William	DE	6-4	245	25	2	Tenn. St.
86	Young, Charles	TE	6-4	238	23	2	USC
89	Zabel, Steve	LB	6-4	234	26	5	Oklahoma
80	Zimmerman, D.	WR	6-3	195	24	2	N.E. La.

(1) Acquired from Detroit, played six games with Detroit.

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Bond, Sid	T	6-4	275	22	TCU
Boryla, Mike	QB	6-3	200	23	Stanford
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Brittain, Bill	C-G	6-5	240	24	Kansas St.
Brown, Cliff	RB	6-0	193	22	Notre Dame
Cagle, Jim	DT	6-5	247	22	Georgia
Chesson, Earl	DB	6-0	175	22	N. Carolina
Clayton, L. J.	WR	6-2	172	24	How. Payne
Cullars, Willie	DE	6-5	250	23	Kansas St.
Krepfle, Keith	TE	6-2	225	22	Iowa State
LeMaster, Frank	LB	6-2	224	22	Kentucky
Montgomery, Joe	C	6-2	237	23	Wm. & Mary
Parker, Artimus	S	6-3	215	22	USC
Polak, Phil	RB	6-0	208	23	Bowl. Green
Pritchett, Bob	LB	6-4	230	24	Utah
Raines, Willie	T	6-2	288	23	None
Sheridan, Mark	WR	6-5	200	22	Holy Cross
Shubert, Eddie	LB	6-2	232	22	Drexel
Smith, Dave	LB	6-0	224	22	Oklahoma
Smith, Charles	WR	6-1	185	24	Grambling
Smith, Jim	LB	6-2	227	26	Monmouth
Stewart, Darryl	DB	6-1	179	23	Okla. St.
Sutton, Mitch	DT	6-4	255	23	Kansas
Woods, Robert	LB	6-3	245	23	How. Payne

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ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

DON CORYELL, Coach.

Assistants: Joe Gibbs, Sid Hall, Jim Hanifan, Ray Willsey, Jim Champion.

PREDICTION—4th

The St. Louis Cardinals might be summed up and dismissed as a team that hasn't been anywhere lately—and isn't going anywhere soon—except for one thing. The coach of the Cardinals, Don Coryell, is a capable, creative sort who could be expected to turn the franchise around if he had the players.

He has some of them, perhaps many of them, but what it takes to win in pro ball is coaching plus quality in all departments if not in all positions.

And at the moment the record is not clear that Coryell has the material in St. Louis to keep up. A series of injuries last year blurred the picture. The Cardinals, with all hands, might well be one of the top teams in their

division, a tough division, but the indications are not persuasive that this is so.

It is more likely that Coryell needs some ballplayers in several key positions. The Cards in his time have not made the blockbuster drafts or deals that would encourage a feeling that their future is just around the corner.

Coryell identified himself as a winning football coach during his days at San Diego State, where he had to have been a good recruiter, that is, a good judge of high school and junior college personnel, to have made his kind of college record.

As a pro coach he has doubtless found that coaching pro and college ball are not that different. But there is one major difference in the professional job, and that difference is knowledge of pro-

fessional players. There are 1200 new players for a new pro coach to learn: his own roster and 25 others around the league.

It takes considerable time for any newcomer to make a valid personal evaluation of the entire league. If you're a National Conference coach, for instance, the type of thing you have to know is how the left cornermen of the NFC (and their backups) compare against one another. The better NFC coaches can list all 13 left corners in 1-to-13 order of ability—and although the coaches won't all get them in the same order, they'll have a reason for doing it the way they do.

Moreover, they'll know that much about the backup cornerback on each team.

There are, of course, two reasons to understand what the oth-

JIM HART (17) gets solid protection from LEO HAYDEN (32), DAN DIERDORF (72) and BOB YOUNG (64) as he fades to pass against Cowboys; Hart had best NFL season in '73 throwing for 2223 yards and 15 touch downs.



er teams are offering this year at this position (and all 21 others). First, you play most of your games against these teams. Second, you may wish to trade for a cornerman this year or next or a couple of years from now.

Until a new head coach learns the personnel himself he is at the mercy of those on his staff who do—or who profess to know. This is seldom as satisfactory as having the knowledge oneself. And the tendency when relying on others is to make few deals.

The new head coach, in the privacy of his office, is forced to ask himself: am I really sure that what the 49ers (or Bears) are offering me is better than what I have? I know what's wrong with the guy I'm trying to peddle. The thing I don't know is what's wrong with their guy.

This acts as such a powerful inhibition that new pro coaches sometimes simply stand pat. Both John Ralston of Denver and Dan Devine of Green Bay have said that, if they could live over their rookie seasons in the NFL, they would make more major deals.

The thing that's different between the great college coach and a great pro coach is frame of mind. The college man is not under compulsion to familiarize

himself in detail with his opponents because college teams are not allowed to trade for college players.

At Notre Dame, therefore, all you have to know about the Boilermakers is where to beat them. You have to know where they're soft and where they aren't. A Cardinal coach, on the other hand, should know almost as much about the 49ers as Dick Nolan knows.

Coryell in time will. He may be so far along already that the Cardinals will make it big this year. Of one thing there isn't much doubt. As a coach, he can do it—if you're just talking about coaching. But when it is said of pro ball that the head coach is decisive—more important than players—what's meant, partly, is that the good coaches get good players, somehow.

Heading into his second pro season, Coryell has a club that's hard to figure because of last year's injuries, which hurt both the offense and defense. On the defensive side, only two men, tackle Bob Rowe and linebacker Larry Stallings, started every game at the same position.

Quarterback Jim Hart was also hurt during the last half of the season but emerged as St.

Louis' Most Valuable Player. He will be backed up this time by Coryell's old quarterback in San Diego, Dennis Shaw, who spent four seasons in Buffalo.

The running backs are Donny Anderson and Terry Metcalf plus Jim Otis and Don Shy. As of 1974 the St. Louis trade for Leon Burns, once a top draft choice of the Chargers, hasn't worked out. Ken Willard joined the crew via trade with San Francisco.

St. Louis' best player is tight end Jackie Smith, the veteran who has become the NFL's all-time leader at this position in number of catches and yards. At wide receiver the Cards would like to combine their No. 1 draft choice, J. V. Cain of Colorado, with Mel Gray. They also have 6-5, 200-pound ex-Charger Walker Gillette.

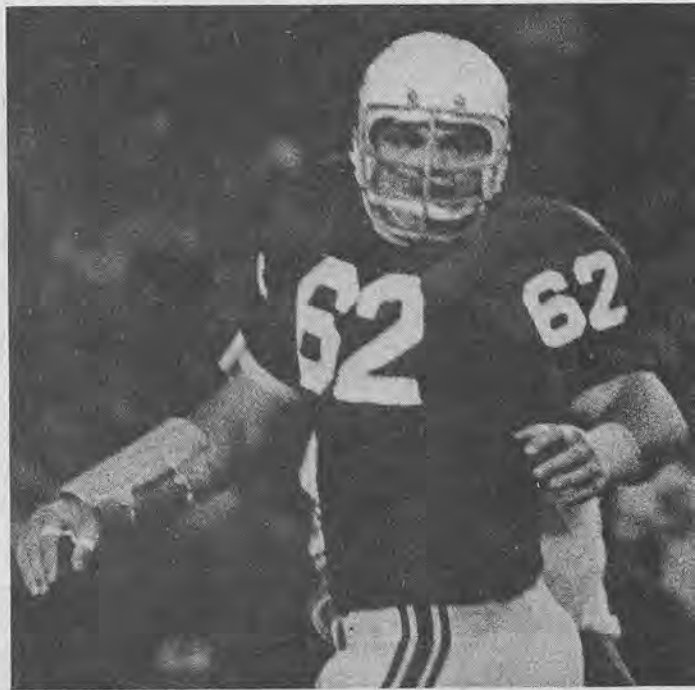
The big man in the offensive line is Ernie McMillan, back from an injury-plagued year to join center Wayne Mulligan, young guards Conrad Dobler and Tom Banks and the other tackle, Dan Dierdorf.

Bob Rowe, the leader of the defensive line, will combine with Ron Yankowski and the 1973 top draft choice, Dave Butz, as well as John Richardson or Leo Brooks.

KEN WILLARD, a 10-year NFL running back with San Francisco, was acquired by the Cardinals in an off-season transaction.



DAVE BUTZ, the Cards' No. 1 draft pick last year, was a starter at defensive end throughout season.



The linebackers form the strongest Cardinal department with Larry Stallings left, Pete Barnes right and two middle linebackers, Jamie Rivers and Mark Arneson.

The defensive backs are in the most unsettled St. Louis department. Only Roger Wehrli is a certified All-Pro. Last year Norm Thompson and Dwayne Crump divided the work at the other corner. The Cards also used three safeties, Jim Tolbert, Clarence Duren and Chuck Detwiler.

Jim Bakken, the place-kicker, is the NFL's fifth all-time scorer. The best punter is backup quarterback Gary Keithley from Nolan Ryan's hometown, Alvin, Tex.

Describing these people, Coryell says: "We have a good group of players—how good I don't know. But we have a lot of fighters and that's what we are primarily concerned with."

"We made improvement in 1973. Jim (Hart) responded to the challenge of the starting quarterback job with an excellent year, even though he was suffering from injuries most of the second half of the season."

"The passing game kept us going early (in 1973) and by the end of the season our running game had also shown good improvement. Much of the credit for that has to go to our offensive line, a group of aggressive players who performed very well

and became a good working unit."

"We had problems defensively and gave up a lot of yards. Obviously we will be looking for improvement in this area this year. However, injuries were very disruptive to our defensive team, hitting us at all positions. Continuity is very important to defense and rarely did we have the same defensive players starting together for any length of time."

"Yet with the lineup changes, injuries and the losing streak at the end of the season, we were able to come together with a solid defensive effort and defeat a strong Atlanta team that seemed headed for the playoffs. That has to give you hope for the future."

Of St. Louis' draft choices in 1974, three of the first four were offensive players: tight end J. V. Cain of Colorado, offensive tackle Greg Kindel of Tennessee State and wide receiver Ike Harris of Iowa State.

Cain, 6-4, 220, was All-America and a two-time all-Big Eight choice.

He is a native of Houston.

One of the major problems with the Cards last fall was a

tendency to run out of gas in the second and fourth quarters. Normally this implies a lack of sound physical conditioning, although there are often concurring reasons.

In any case, the Cards held their first quarter opponents well, outscoring them, 65-60, before collapsing in the second quarter, which was lost to the opposition by a staggering 100-53 margin.

Refreshed at halftime, the Cards outscored their third quarter opponents, 66-58, before caving in again in the fourth quarter, 147-102. This is ominous.

CARDINALS' VETERAN ROSTER (Numerical)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
12	Keithley, Gary	QB	6-3	205	23	2	El Paso
16	Shaw, Dennis	QB	6-2	230	26	5	S. Diego St.
17	Hart, Jim	QB	6-1	215	30	9	So. Ill.
21	Metcalf, Terry	RB	5-10	185	22	2	Long Beach
22	Wehrli, Roger	CB	6-0	190	26	6	Missouri
24	Shy, Don	RB	6-1	215	28	8	S. Diego St.
25	Bakken, Jim	K	6-0	200	33	13	Wisconsin
26	Crump, Dwayne	DB	5-11	180	24	2	Fresno St.
27	Moss, Eddie	RB	6-0	215	25	2	S.E. Mo. St.
30	Hammon, G.	WR-RB	5-11	190	25	3	SMU
33	Belton, Willie	RB	5-11	195	26	4	Maryland St.
35	Otis, Jim	RB	6-0	220	26	5	Ohio St.
37	Owens, Marv	WR	6-1	205	24	2	S. Diego St.
	Willard, Ken	RB	6-1	220	31	10	No. Carolina
38	Burns, Leon (a)	WR	6-1	220	30	3	Long Beach
40	Washington, Eric	CB	6-2	190	24	3	El Paso
41	Duren, Clarence	S	6-1	190	23	2	California
42	Detwiler, Chuck	S	6-0	185	27	5	Utah St.
43	Thompson, Norm	S	6-1	180	29	4	Utah
44	Anderson, D.	RB-P	6-2	215	31	9	Texas
45	Tolbert, Jim	CB	6-4	200	30	8	Lincol (Mo.)
49	Sledge, Leroy (a)	RB	6-2	235	27	2	Bakersfield
50	Mulligan, Wayne	C	6-3	250	27	2	Oklahoma
51	Brahane, Tom	C	6-2	225	22	6	Clemson
52	LeVeck, Jack	LB	6-0	225	24	2	Ohio
53	Rivers, Jamie	LB	6-2	245	28	7	Bowl. Green
54	Banks, Tom	G	6-1	245	26	4	Auburn
55	Hamlin, Gene (b)	C	6-3	240	28	4	West. Mich.
56	Hester, Ray	LB	6-2	215	25	4	Tulane
57	Arneson, Mark	LB	6-2	220	24	3	Arizona
58	Miller, Terry	LB	6-2	225	28	5	Illinois
59	Barnes, Pete	LB	6-1	240	29	8	Southern
60	Finnie, Roger	G	6-3	245	28	6	Florida A&M
62	Butz, Dave	DE	6-7	280	24	2	Purdue
64	Young, Bob	G	6-1	270	31	9	How. Payne
65	Reynolds, Bob (c)	T	6-5	265	35	12	Bowl. Green
66	Dobler, Conrad	G	6-3	250	23	3	Wyoming
67	Stallings, Larry	LB	6-1	230	32	12	Ga. Tech
68	Taylor, Mike	T	6-4	255	29	6	So. Calif.
70	Brooks, Leo	DT	6-6	265	26	5	Texas
71	Richardson, John	DT	6-3	245	29	8	UCLA
72	Dierdorf, Dan	T	6-3	275	25	4	Michigan
73	McMillan, Ernie	T	6-5	275	36	14	Illinois
74	Rudolph, Council	DE	6-4	250	24	3	Kentucky St.
75	Rowe, Bob	DT	6-4	270	29	8	West. Mich.
76	Davis, Ron	G	6-2	235	23	2	Virginia St.
78	Yankowski, Ron	DE	6-5	240	27	4	Kansas St.
79	Sloan, Bonnie	DT	6-5	260	26	2	Austin Peay
80	McFarland, Jim	TE	6-5	225	26	5	Nebraska
81	Smith, Jackie	TE	6-4	235	34	12	N.W. Ia.
82	Jones, Jimmie	DE	6-5	240	27	6	Wichita St.
84	Gillette, Walker	WR	6-5	200	27	5	Richmonl
85	Gray, Mel	WR	5-6	175	25	4	Missouri
87	Staggs, Jeff	LB	6-1	240	30	8	S. Diego St.

(a) Injured, out entire 1973 season.

(b) Last active with Detroit in 1972.

(c) Played 1 game with Cardinals, 8 games with New England.

1973 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Bakken, 100 points on 31 XP, 23 field goals	6th
RUSHING —Anderson, 167 carries for 679 yds., 4.1 Avg., 10 TDs	11th
PASSING —Hart, 178 in 320 attempts for 2223 yds., 15 TDs	6th
RECEIVING —Smith, 41 receptions for 600 yds., 1 TD	10th
INTERCEPTIONS —Tolbert, 2 for 34 yds., 17.0 Avg.	44th
PUNTING —Keithley, 66 punts, 37.5 Avg., longest 55 yds.	13th
PUNT RETURNS —Hammond, 11 for 80 yds., 7.3 Avg.	15th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Shy, 16 for 445 yds., 27.8 Avg., 1 TD	3rd

Pre-Season Games

July 27	Buffalo at Canton O.
Aug. 3	Chicago at Champaign, Ill.
10	At Green Bay (N)
17	San Diego at Memphis (N)
23	N.Y. JETS (N)
31	MINNESOTA (N)
Sept. 6	AT Kansas City (N)

1974 SCHEDULE	1973 Scores
Sept. 15 PHILADELPHIA	24-27
22 AT Washington	13-31
29 CLEVELAND	—
Oct. 6 AT San Francisco	—
13 DALLAS	3-30
20 AT Houston	—
27 WASHINGTON	34-27
Nov. 3 AT Dallas	10-45
11 MINNESOTA (N)	—
17 AT Philadelphia	34-23
24 AT N.Y. Giants	13-24
Dec. 1 KANSAS CITY	—
8 AT New Orleans	—
15 N.Y. GIANTS	35-27

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
18	Albert, Sergio	K	6-3	190	23	U.S. Int.
46	Ancell, Vincent	CB	6-0	175	23	Arkansas St.
69	Bernhardt, Roger	G	6-4	245	25	Kansas
88	Cain, J.V.	TE	6-4	220	23	Colorado
65	Crum, Bob	DE	6-5	235	23	Arizona
34	Davis, Charles	RB	6-1	210	24	Alcorn A&M
61	DeBernardi, Fred	DE	6-6	250	25	El Paso
36	Garrett, Ken	WR	6-2	210	24	Wake Forest
63	George, Steve	DT	6-5	250	23	Houston
86	Harris, Ike	WR	6-3	205	21	Iowa St.
32	Harrison, Reggie	RB	5-11	215	24	Cincinnati
55	Hartie, Gregg	LB	6-2	220	23	Newberry
69	Kindel, Greg	T	6-4	255	23	Tenn. St.
48	Moseley, John	CB	5-7	160	22	Missouri
56	Neils, Steve	LB	6-2	210	23	Minnesota
31	Smith, Charles	RB	6-0	205	24	Yankton
82	Wallace, Roger	WR	5-10	180	24	Bowl. Green



DONNY ANDERSON was second in NFL in touchdowns with 13 during '73.

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CINCINNATI	121	PITTSBURG	134	LOS ANGELES	142	WASHINGTON	128
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10 - 14	60%	54%	53%	50%	48%	44%	42%	40%	35%	28%
15 - 19	64%	55%	55%	51%	49%	45%	43%	40%	39%	32%
20 - 24	68%	58%	57%	53%	51%	47%	45%	43%	44%	37%
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NEW YORK GIANTS

BILL ARNSPARGER, Coach.
Assistants: Ray Wietecha, John Symank, Floyd Peters, Ed Rutledge, Hunter Enis, Ted Plumb, Allen Webb.

PREDICTION—5th

The New York Giants are under new management this year. Bill Arnsparger has replaced Alex Webster as the head coach of one of the NFL's most ancient teams, directed for years by the Mara family, and now by Wellington Mara, one of the most respected men in the league.

Probably the key thing about Arnsparger, speaking somewhat historically, is that he is bringing the three-man defensive line to New York. He is putting in what he calls the 53 defense.

Made famous by the Miami Dolphins, this is a defense named for Bob Matheson, the 6-4, 235-pound elfin who is deemed too small for a defensive line in this league and pretty large for a modern linebacker.

It isn't surprising that Arnsparger should want a defense like the 53—whose principal component is a line with three men, allowing eight backs to play zone defense—because he was so successful with it in Miami. The surprise is that his principal candidates for the Matheson position are rookies, including New York's third draft choice, Rick Dvorak of Wichita State.

Although Dvorak has some of the credentials, including the physical specifications, he's a rookie. It would seem that this is one position calling for considerable experience, inasmuch as, on successive plays, he is required to play both linebacker and defensive end, obligating him to master such things as zone defense and a disguised pass rush.

Any rookie would have to be a potential All-Pro to star in the 53 position in any defense. Offhand it would seem shrewder for Arnsparger to put a guy like Brad Van Pelt there. The club's No. 2 draft choice a year ago, Van Pelt is almost the same size as Matheson, 6-5, 235.

There was some disappointment in New York with Van

Pelt last year, when he was tried in the defensive backfield. The jury is out on whether he is an NFL starter prospectively.

Arnsparger and Miami's head coach Don Shula were jointly responsible for creating Matheson's position. Because his uniform

number is 53, the defense was named for him.

It could just as well have been named for the defensive deployment Shula now favors: five short passing zones, three deep. This is the basic pass defense in the 53.

The way the Dolphins operate

PAT HUGHES, New York Giants' linebacker, makes an unusual interception against Philadelphia. In top photo, Hughes falls to ground as Eagles' TOM SULLIVAN (25) misses pass. Below, Hughes grabs ball while on back.





PETE GOGOLAK, the Giants' 11-year vet, kicked for 76 points in 1973.

this defense, nobody has been able to break it for two years. It has proved impossible for everybody to complete short passes into the five short zones in any effective way and equally impossible to connect on long passes into the deep zones.

Before Shula concocted the 53, he favored the "double double" defense—doubling both wide receivers short and deep with cornermen and safeties. This alignment, distressingly, left the deep middle open. The 53 puts a man in the deep middle, ending that problem.

Arnsperger is bringing to the National Conference a defense originally created either by Shula or John McKay of USC, who for years has aligned his college boys in a three-man line with five short zones and three deep.

Particularly in the context of the NFL's new rules, the 53 would seem to be the defense of the future. Arnsperger's brilliant success with it against Minnesota in the most recent Super Bowl



RON HORNSBY, Giants' middle linebacker tries to get past rival lineman.

guarantees that it will get a wide trial in pro football this year.

The genius of this design is that you get virtually the pass rush with three linemen in the 53 that can be generated with four—when you consider the quarterback's extra problem: having to unload into a pass defense deploying eight men.

Tex Schramm of Dallas uses an illustration to forecast the spread of the 53. Let's suppose, says Schramm, that the eight defensive men are just standing there in their specified eight zones on the practice field—and let's suppose the only other man on the field is the quarterback, who is back to throw in what would be his protective cup if this were a full-man scrimmage.

Now, these are the only nine men in sight—the passer facing eight defensive backs, all properly aligned for the start of the play.

"Okay," says Schramm, "the passer is throwing the ball. What he's trying to do—inasmuch as there are no receivers on his side—is to throw the ball into the defense where it will fall to the ground before any defensive man can reach it. I'm saying it can't be done. By the time the ball gets there—no matter where the passer throws it—one of the deep

backs will be close enough to hit it before it lands."

Variations on this theme, using a rush by four or five men with the 53 back and other linebackers, make the 53 the hardest defense to decipher in football today—and Arnsperger, the coach who largely perfected it in Miami, is ahead of the trend in New York.

He has made an impressive start otherwise in his new conference. Arnsperger ran the draft himself, for example, though he had spent only two weeks in the franchise before the drafting commenced.

Moreover, Arnsperger has put together a strong coaching staff, retaining only Ray Wietecha and importing Floyd Peters, John Symank and others.

The New York Giants doubtless have the leadership to emerge as a contender this year but may lack the personnel, especially in the offensive and defensive lines.

Though they've lost some players to the WFL, the Giants have held onto two of their brightest offensive stars, halfback Ron Johnson and tight end Bob Tucker. Arnsperger at the start of the season listed Vin Clements at fullback backed up by Charlie Evans.

In Johnson the Giants have



BOB TUCKER, Giants' top receiver, gets thwarted by opponent's leg.

one of the top two or three running backs in the conference and perhaps in the league, but nobody, including Johnson, can be much more football player than the people around him.

The listed Giant quarterbacks are Norm Snead and Randy Johnson with Bob Grim, Don Herrman, Tom Gatewood, Rich Houston and others catching.

The offensive line includes center Greg Larson flanked by Willie Young, Dick Enderle, Mark Ellison and Doug Van Horn.

The listed defensive line, with the 53 breakdown yet to be made officially, includes (from left) Carter Campbell, Larry Jacobson, John Mendenhall and Jack Gregory.

The linebackers likewise have something to offer with Ron Hornsby in the middle, Jim Files and Pat Hughes.

Possibly the strongest Giant department is the defensive secondary, including cornerbacks



JACK GREGORY usually spearheads defensive charge from end berth.

Pete Athas and Willie Williams and safeties Richmond Flowers and Carl Lockhart.

The kickers are Pete Gogolak and Tom Blanchard.

New York's top draft choice is John Hicks of Ohio State, who may have been the best college football player in the country last fall. An offensive lineman, Hicks can be expected to appear as a starting guard after a decent interval in which a veteran gets the first chance.

All three of New York's top draft choices could be starters if Tom Mullen is enough guard and if Dvorak makes it at tight end.

Statistically, the Giants have a long way to go. They ranked 15th defensively in the NFL last year, 19th against the rush and 15th against the pass.

They were 14th offensively, although their pass offense rated No. 2 in the league. Running the ball they were a deep 24th—in a big running year elsewhere.

Ron Johnson, most of the ground offense in 1973, netted 902 yards although he missed two or three games. The rest of New York's backs were on the sick list most of the year. These were Rocky Thompson, Charlie Evans and Clements.

New York's stock will rise if Leon McQuay turns out to be a ballcarrier. In Canada for two years, McQuay once averaged 7.1 through a full Canadian year.

Arnsperger says he will take over Giant special teams himself. Shula ran the teams for awhile in Baltimore:

"The best athletes on most pro clubs," says Arnsperger, "begin their careers on the special teams and later move over to offense or defense."

If there is a premium on running punts this fall, as some football men predict, the Giants are

GIANTS' VETERAN ROSTER

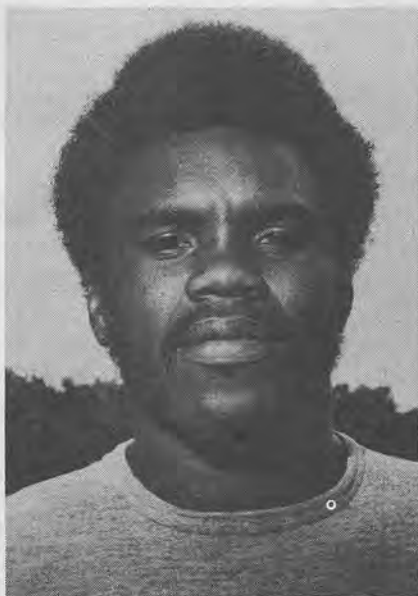
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84	Houston, Rich	WR	6-2	195	28	6	E. Tex. St.
56	Hughes, Pat	LB	6-2	235	26	5	Boston U.
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20	Jackson, Honor	CB	6-2	195	25	3	Pacific
75	Jacobson, Larry	DT	6-6	260	24	3	Nebraska
11	Johnson, Randy	QB	6-3	205	30	9	Tex. A&I
30	Johnson, Ron	RB	6-1	205	26	6	Michigan
55	Kelley, Brian	LB	6-3	222	23	2	Cal. Luth.
53	Larson, Greg	C	6-3	250	34	14	Minnesota
43	Lockhart, Carl	S	6-2	175	31	10	N. Tex. St.
46	Love, Walter	WR	5-9	180	23	2	Westminster
47	Lumpkin, Ron	CB	6-2	200	23	2	Arizona St.
64	Mendenhall, J.	DT	6-1	255	25	3	Grambling
49	Orduna, Joe	RB	6-0	195	26	3	Nebraska
80	Reed, Henry	LB	6-3	230	25	4	Weber St.
34	Rizzo, Jack	RB	5-10	195	25	2	Lehigh
18	Small, Eldridge	CB	6-1	190	24	3	Tex. A&I
16	Snead, Norm	QB	6-4	215	35	14	Wake Forest
22	Thompson, Rocky	RB	5-11	200	26	4	W. Tex. St.
71	Tipton, Dave	DE	6-6	245	25	4	Stanford
38	Tucker, Bob	TE	6-3	230	28	5	Bloomsburg
63	Van Horn, Doug	G	6-3	245	30	8	Ohio St.
10	Van Pelt, Brad	LB	6-5	235	23	2	Mich. St.
41	Williams, Willie	CB	6-0	190	31	10	Grambling
69	Young, Willie	T	6-0	265	31	9	Grambling

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Abbott, Fred	LB	6-3	225	24	Florida
Baptist, E	CB-S	5-11	187	23	U.T.A.
Brantley, Wade	DT	6-3	260	23	Troy St.
Brooks, Bob	CB-S	6-1	195	23	Bishop
Clune, Don	WR	6-3	195	22	Penn.
Crosby, Steve	RB	5-11	205	24	Fort Hays
Davis, Clifton	RB	6-2	210	23	Alcorn A&M
Dvorak, Rick	DE	6-4	235	22	Wichita St.
Gasienica, Leo	QB	6-3	215	23	Rutgers
Hasenohrl, Geo.	DT	6-1	260	23	Ohio St.
Hayes, Mike	OT	6-3	265	22	Va. State
Hicks, John	OT	6-2	258	22	Ohio St.
Holworthy, J.	P-K	5-10	180	24	Fresno St.
Jones, Larry	WR	5-10	174	23	NE Mo. St.
McQuay, Leon	RB	5-10	200	24	Tampa
Mullen, Tom	G-T	6-3	248	23	SW Mo. St.
Kelly, Maurice	T	6-4	260	21	Can. Conn.
Pietrzak, Jim	DT	6-5	250	21	East. Mich.
Powers, Clyde	DB	6-1	195	23	Oklahoma
Rhodes, Ray	WR	5-11	185	24	Tulsa
Robinson, Ed.	TE	6-3	215	22	TCU
Sims, James	DB	6-0	195	25	USC
Strada, John	TE	6-3	230	22	Wm. Jewell
Strunk, Greg	DE	6-0	185	23	No'western
Summerell, Carl	QB	6-3	208	23	E. Carolina
Woolbright, M.	TE	6-5	230	23	S. Carolina

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RECEIVING—Tucker, 50 receptions for 681 yds., 5 TDs 4th
INTERCEPTIONS—Athalas, 5 for 52 yds., 10.4 Avg. 12th
PUNTING—Blanchard, 56 punts, 41.9 Avg., longest 62 yds. 5th
PUNT RETURNS—Athalas, 20 for 153 yds., 7.7 Avg. 9th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Houston, 15 for 375 yds., 25.0 Avg. 6th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 3 AT Houston (N)
 10 AT New England (N)
 17 NY Jets at N. Haven Conn
 24 AT Pittsburgh (N)
 31 Phila. at Princeton NJ
 Sept. 6 AT Buffalo (&)

1974 SCHEDULE

Sept. 15	WASHINGTON	3-21
22	NEW ENGLAND	—
29	AT Dallas	28-45
Oct. 6	ATLANTA	—
13	AT Philadelphia	16-20
20	AT Washington	24-27
27	DALLAS	10-23
Nov. 3	AT Kansas City	—
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4. Winnipeg Blue Bombers
5. Calgary Stampeders



By Bob Scott

Sports editor Bob Scott of Vancouver BC Province covered Canadian Football League action 13 years from East to West Coasts.

If the off-season is any criterion, 1974 will go down in history as the most controversial season ever in the Canadian Football League. To pinpoint the start of

the controversy, one must go back to June of 1973. That's when the World Football League granted a franchise to Toronto's John Bassett Jr.

ROY BELL (14) Edmonton Eskimos' powerful fullback and former Oklahoma U. and Houston Oilers, carried 254 times for 1455 yards in the last campaign.



Strangely, the news was greeted with a collective shrug of the shoulders by officials of the CFL. The United League and Continental League had teams in Montreal and Toronto in the mid-60s and they were something short of being a success. The CFL was confident that its unique brand of football would prevail.

It was a different story in the dressing rooms, however. Players could hardly wait for the WFL draft and a chance at some of the big bread the new league would be tossing out. (In the WFL's pro draft, 65 CFL players were selected in the 40 rounds, most under contract or option).

Then the Canadian government got into the act with a bill designed to force the Northmen out of Canada. The bill only got to second reading in parliament but the Northmen had to seek alternative sites and eventually settled in Memphis, as the Southmen, on May 8.

That move, alas, could signal the demise of the Canadian Football League. Even as he headed south, Bassett snapped, "There will be World Football League teams operating in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal next year. After what they did to us, it's total war."

Bassett's threat of other WFL teams entering Canada may not be idle chatter either. On the same day he signed his lease in Memphis, the minority Liberal government toppled in Ottawa, forcing a July election.

There is widespread feeling that even if the Liberals win the election the controversial bill will

TOM WILKINSON, Eskimo QB hands to Roy Bell for first Grey Cup TD.



not be passed. Health minister Marc Lalonde, sponsor of the bill, wants expansion of the CFL in Canada and so does the CFL. Halifax and London, Ont., particularly the latter which even named a general manager although it doesn't have a franchise, are interested but neither city has a suitable stadium as yet.

Bassett, who was strongly supported by Metro Toronto officials, felt that his Northmen, in effect, would be the savior of the CFL if permitted to stay in Toronto.

"I got into the WFL in the first place so I can control who gets franchises in this country," said Bassett, "I'm doing that to protect the CFL and that no further expansion is going to take place in Canada unless the CFL agrees... but if this is the thanks I get all bets are off. I'll move in anywhere."

There is also talk of widespread raiding of CFL rosters by WFL clubs and some teams may challenge the option clause in the courts. The first court case, however, involved a coach. Jack

Gotta, who guided Ottawa Rough Riders to the Grey Cup championship in 1973, was sued by the Rough Riders for jumping his contract to join Birmingham Americans of the WFL.

Gotta also lured Montreal quarterback George Mira to Birmingham. Mira, however, had just completed a seven-year contract with San Francisco 49ers, most of which he played with other teams. Some other CFL players, such as Rudy Sims of Ottawa, signed future contracts with WFL teams. Sims signed with Philadelphia Bell.

The top lineman in the league, Ray Nettles of B.C. Lions, has also agreed to terms with Jacksonville Sharks for 1975.

And there were other offshoots of the situation. Two teams were offered for sale. The Toronto Argonauts, owned by Bassett's father, were sold after several CFL officials complained that they represented a conflict of interest between father and son. Ironically, the Northmen moved south three months later.

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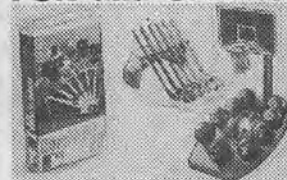
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Then Sam Berger of Montreal, a strong supporter of Lalonde's legislation initially, reversed his field and put his team up for sale.

The league feels it can withstand threats from the WFL if the legislation is passed. "Competition with the WFL for talent will be stiff during the first year," said Ralph Sazio, general manager of Hamilton Tiger-Cats. "However, good talent is plentiful and many top players are cut by NFL teams and the WFL that will be available to us."

It was in the realm of superstars that officials feel the CFL could be hurt. WFL teams could offer contracts to big name players that the CFL teams could not match. Certainly not the \$3.5 million package that the Northmen... or Southmen... used to lure Larry Csonka, Jim Kiick and Paul Warfield away from Miami Dolphins.

And there were other problems facing the league. Their two-year agreement with the CFL Players' Association expires on July and negotiations were proceeding slowly. In fact, they were even adjourned when Ed Garvey, NFLPA executive director, tried to sit in on the meetings as a CFLPA advisor.

Their previous negotiations were not resolved until 72 hours before the opening league game in 1972 following marathon negotiations. This year doesn't appear any different.

And one club, Hamilton, has been sued by 10 of its players for refusing to re-negotiate contracts following an increase in the schedule from 14 to 16 games. By the time the season starts, the fans could be so tired of politics and courts that they'll forget to show up in the stands.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

OTTAWA (9-5)—The defending Grey Cup champions have a new leader, George Brancato, after the winter defection of coach-of-the-year Jack Gotta to Birmingham of the World Football League. Brancato, elevated from his assistant's job, is the lone holdover coach as line coach Jay Fry also left to join the WFL.

Otherwise, the Rough Riders

are virtually intact although they stand to be hit harder than any CFL team if WFL teams are prepared to fight contracts in the courtroom. Their formidable front four reportedly could be scuttled. Rudy Sims signed a 1975 contract with Philadelphia Bell while Tom Laputka, Wayne Smith and Charlie Brandon all were drafted by WFL teams.

The front four was a key factor in Ottawa's 22-18 Grey Cup win over Edmonton Eskimos with Smith's sideline tackle on Bruce Lemmerman forcing Eskimos to install injured Tom Wilkinson at QB.

Riders had QB problems of their own with Jerry Keeling in uniform but immobile because of a knee injury. Keeling, released by Calgary Stampeders in favor of Pete Liske, was instrumental in Riders' run to the Grey Cup.

Teamed with Rick Cassata, Keeling provided a steadying influence on the edgy Cassata. The relationship culminated in a super job of running, passing and play calling by Cassata in the Grey Cup game. He was named top player in the game.

Burly fullback Jim Evenson, acquired from B.C. Lions, supplied the Ottawa running attack while Rhome Nixon, released and then recalled, paced the receivers with 38 receptions.

For the third successive year, place-kicker Gerry Organ led eastern scoring. In the process he broke the field goal record by connecting on 31 of his 48 attempts, including six in one game.

If that defense remains intact with Jerry Campbell and Mark Kosmos ably supporting the front line, Brancato shouldn't have a rough road in his head coaching debut.

HAMILTON (7-7)—The Tiger-Cats dropped from the penthouse (Grey Cup championship) in 1972 to the outhouse (last place) in 1973 in the Eastern Conference. It wasn't a headlong plunge, however. In fact, if Ticats had won one more game against Ottawa (they lost one with only three seconds remaining) they would have finished first ahead of the Riders.

As for 1974, it's difficult to

speculate. During the off-season ten players, including star quarterback Chuck Ealey, engaged a lawyer when management refused to re-negotiate contracts despite an increase in the schedule from 14 to 16 games.

Ealey, the lowest paid QB in Canadian football, talked about seeking employment elsewhere but subsequently signed a contract for 1974 and 1975. The situation could leave the Ticats with several disgruntled players on their hands.

However, the club has a history of bouncing back—Hamilton only missed the playoffs once before in its 24-year history, in 1960. And it does have several plus factors heading into 1974. One of the biggest is running back Andy Hopkins, a durable Stephen F. Austin (Texas) product who gained 1223 yards rushing in '73, most in 10 seasons in the East.

Coach Jerry Williams also inserted three mid-season acquisitions into the Ticat roster in '73, linebackers Jamie Rotella of Tennessee and Steve Conley of



GEORGE MCGOWAN, Eskimos split end caught 81 passes, 15 in one game last season tying an old CFL record.

Kansas and defensive end Fred Grambau of Michigan State. All three were late cuts from NFL teams and should help the club even more with the benefit of a training camp.

Four other NFL draftees were signed for 1974. They are cornerbacks George Campbell of Iowa State and John Moss of Pittsburgh, tackle Bill Line of SMU and guard Tom McCreight of Northwestern.

QB Bill Etter, one-time back-up to Joe Theismann at Notre Dame, showed some promising signs in his rookie year but saw infrequent action. Defensive line rush must improve for Ticats to escape cellar.

MONTREAL (7-6-1)—Head coach Marv Levy heads into his second season with additional responsibility—that of general manager.

His most experienced player, George Mira, followed Jack Gotta to Birmingham where he'll fill in until Ken Stabler arrives.

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into the eastern finals last season. Levy has two holdovers in USC product Jimmy Jones, one of three black quarterbacks in the CFL, and Sonny Wade.

Offensively, Als boast the top receiver in the east in Johnny Rodgers plus a one-two running punch of John Harvey and Steve Ferrughelli ably supported by Canadian Larry Smith. Rodgers, the Heismann Trophy winner from Nebraska, averaged 20.5 yards on 41 catches in '73 while continually complaining that he didn't get the ball enough. Ace receiver Terry Evanshen had more reason to complain with 18 receptions.

Harvey had the top rushing average, 7.5 yards, in the CFL after joining Als from Winnipeg and Ferrughelli collected the brutal inside yardage in a comeback from a serious ankle injury. With Peter Dalla Riva at tight end the ingredients are there for an exciting offense.

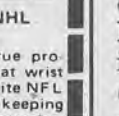
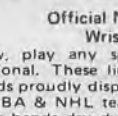
Als had a reasonably sound defense by the end of '73 and bolstered it at season's end with the acquisition of linebacker Chuck Zapiec, Penn State via Ottawa and tackle Joe Critchlow, Iowa via Winnipeg.

Coupled with Junior Ah You at end, Carl Crennel at linebacker, Dickie Harris and Marv Luster in the secondary plus the Canadian tackle tandem of Glen Weir and Gord Judges Als have the foundation of a sound defense. MacKinney Evans, a head-hunting cousin of Ticats' John Williams, could supply muscle to the secondary.

TORONTO (7-5-2)—Argonauts face the 1974 season without Joe Theismann, the All-Star quarterback in the eastern conference. After three seasons at the helm of the Argos (including their last-place finish in '72 when he missed 10 games with a broken leg) Notre Dame Joe defected to Washington Redskins when Argos turned down his \$75,000 salary demands. Redskins acquired his NFL rights from Miami.

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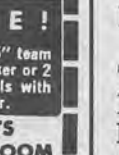
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Expected to fill his shoes is Mike Rae, a hard-throwing product of USC who only tossed 33 passes in league action in 1973.

Slated to share the signal calling with Rae is Sonny Sixkiller, the Washington product, although Argos also signed Ralph Carter of Tampa.

The club also recruited heavily in hopes of developing a new ground game, a major drawback throughout John Rauch's rookie season as Argo head coach. Highly rated prospects include Ed Shuttleworth, Michigan, Doyle Orange, Southern Mississippi and Cleo House, Southern State. House almost cracked the backfield in '73. Kerry Marbury of West Virginia, who missed part of '73 with injuries, is also highly regarded.

Fleet Eric Allen is the pick of the receivers, catching 40 including one 100-yarder last year, while Mike Eben is right behind with 39 receptions.

Argos had the best defensive record in the east in '73. Jim Stillwagon provides the leader-

ship when healthy. His partner on the right side of the line, Bruce Bergey, has departed for Portland Storm of the WFL. All-Star Bill Baker was acquired from Saskatchewan as a replacement but he prefers B.C. or the WFL.

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EDMONTON (9-5-2)—The Eskimos squeezed into first place and edged Saskatchewan Roughriders to advance to the Grey Cup for the first time in 13 seasons in 1973. Alas, like 1960, they lost to Ottawa in the national final.

Coach Ray Jauch's club remains one of the soundest in the league with a giant offensive line, experienced quarterbacking in Tom Wilkinson and Bruce Lemmerman, the best running tandem in the CFL plus ace receiver George McGowan.

McGowan, a free spirit, led the CFL with 81 receptions last season enroute to winning the Schenley award as the outstanding player in the league. His crafty moves helped him average

13.9 yards per catch and score nine touchdowns. He also caught 15 in one game, one short of the league record.

Although McGowan won the top award, there was considerable sentiment for Eskimo full-back Roy Bell, the leading rusher in the league in '73. An Oklahoma product via Houston Oilers, Bell gained 1455 yards. Running mate Gene Foster added 678 yards and Calvin Harrell is waiting in the wings. Esks may also have the best tight end in the league in Tyrone Walls, a fine blocker who also found time to catch 41 passes.

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Eskimos had to rebuild their defense in '73 and they did a commendable job, particularly in light of a broken arm suffered by Dick Dupuis. Newcomer Sam Britts of Missouri joined Caesar Belser and Marty Huff at line-backer while Ron Estay and Dave Knechtel bolstered the line and



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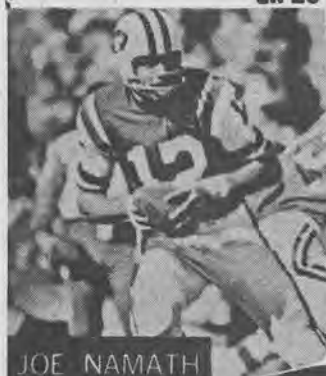
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SASKATCHEWAN (10-6)—Under new coach John Payne, the Roughriders increased their win total by two in 1973 but still finished second to Edmonton under the tie-breaking system. With veterans like Ron Lancaster, 35, and George Reed, 34, the Riders will still be a strong contender at playoff time.

Reed became the all-time career rushing champion in Canadian football last season, surpassing Johnny Bright of Drake and Edmonton, while passing the 1000-yard mark for the ninth time in eleven years. He led the league with 14 touchdowns. The crafty Lancaster tossed 22 touchdown passes as the top quarterback in the league.

Riders recruited three quarterbacks in search of one to eventually replace Lancaster. They are Van Brownson, Nebraska, John Coen, Central Washington and Randy Mattingley, Evansville.

They also have depth in their offensive talent with Tom Campana, Ohio State (57 receptions), former San Diego Charger Rick Eber (46 receptions) and Oklahoma's Bobby Thompson (45 receptions plus 737 yards rushing.)

Riders added another strong halfback candidate in Pete Watson of Tufts Univ. in a trade with Toronto Argos. They acquired Watson and Penn State's Steve Smear from Toronto Argos in exchange for defensive end Bill Baker, who had played out his option.

Smear will likely replace Baker at end. Riders were hurt by injuries on the defensive line last year but they unveiled two good ones in the secondary, Ohio State's Ted Provost and Colorado's Lorne Richardson.

Their Canadian strength should be bolstered this season with the training camp addition of seven players with U.S. college experience including a 6-4 tight end from North Dakota, Lawrie Skolrood, and three defensive backs.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (5-9-2)—The Lions started the 1973 season



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However, they pulled up their bootstraps with two late wins including a 15-7 verdict over Calgary in the final league game. That pulled them into a tie with the Stampeders but Lions were awarded third on the strength of their record against Calgary. The semi-final playoff was an anticlimactic loss to Saskatchewan.

The off-season produced bad news as the World Football League made inroads. Middle linebacker Ray Nettles, the outstanding lineman in the league in '73, was wooed by Jacksonville Sharks and agreed to terms for the 1975 season. And Johnny Musso, the bulwark of the Lions running game with 1029 yards in 1973, was a preferred draft choice of Birmingham Americans of the WFL. However, the Alabama All-America fullback is signed for 1974 and under option for '75.

Lions did sign quarterback Don Moorhead to a two-year contract, feeling that he now has the experience to move the club up the standings. Supporting him is Karl Douglas, the strong-armed Texas A and I product. Lions depended on the rush and have Lou Harris and Monroe Eley to support Musso.

Musso also led the club with 46 receptions, one more than ace receiver Jim Young who played much of the 1973 season with one hand in a partial cast but still caught the ball.

The Lions hope to obtain Bill Baker from Argos to boost their pass rush. Pick of the recruiting could be Grady Cavness, a belligerent defensive back from Texas-El Paso via Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

CALGARY (6-10)—Losing the playoffs for the second year in succession cost Jim Duncan his job with the Stamps. Replacement Jim Wood lost out in his playoff bid with that final loss to B.C. It was somewhat of an

embarrassment to the Stamps in light of castoff quarterback Jerry Keeling leading Ottawa to the Grey Cup.

Stamps released Keeling when Peter Liske returned after four seasons in the National Football League. They reverted to the aerial game that characterized Liske's earlier play with the Stamps and had the second best passing attack in the league. Alas, the ground game only accounted for 1200 yards in 16 games. Their top rusher, Bob Wyatt of North Texas State, gained 335 yards. They recruited six running backs in the off-season including Don Mahi of Hawaii. And Jesse Mims, who missed most of '73 with a knee injury, will be back.

Top receiver of Liske's passes in '73 was rookie Tom Forzani, the Utah State product who followed brothers Joe and John to the Stamps. Tom caught 62 passes for 731 yards. Rudy Linterman trailed with 60 receptions while Gerry Shaw had 41.

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WINNIPEG (4-11-1)—The Blue Bombers continue in a rebuilding program after a frustrating 1973 season which saw them drop to the basement after finishing first in 1972. The turnaround cost coach Jim Spavital his job. He was replaced by Bud Riley.

Bombers' problems started before the season when offensive aces Mack Herron and Jim Thorpe, top rusher and top receiver respectively in 1972, were released following drug charges. Bombers experimented with several running backs before recalling John Bledsoe, an Ohio State product, who led team rushing with 811 yards. A fine Canadian prospect, Tom Walker, was injured after an outstanding training camp.

Two other Canadians, Bob Kraemer and Bob Larose, emerged as the pick of the receivers with 47 and 44 respectively along with Willie Miller, a late arrival from Tampa. Former Philadelphia Eagle, Bill Walik, is another receiver candidate.

Bombers have recruited heavily at quarterback with Don Jonas, 36, nearing retirement. Jonas tossed 29 interceptions in '73, tops in the league.

Pick of the new QBs could be D.C. Nobles of Houston while Steve Endicott of Oregon States and two Jacksonville State products, Ralph Brock and Kelly Cochrane, have also been signed.

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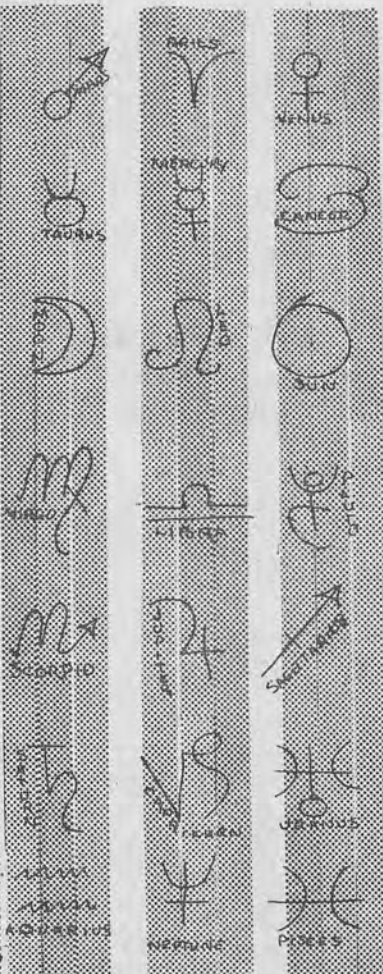
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lineman Booker Brown, who played guard for the Trojans in two Rose Bowl seasons.

A year from now, however, the Honolulu Hawaiians will start bringing in their crop of NFL jumpers, including quarterback Randy Johnson of New York, tight end Ted Kwalick of San Francisco, guard John Wilbur of Washington, halfback Calvin Hill of Dallas, linebacker Jim Sniadecki of San Francisco, Minnesota's receiver Gilliam and others.

The Hawaii coach, Mike Giddings, has lined up a few NFL veterans this year, including Ron East, but is obviously counting on the big push next year, when Honolulu's new stadium will be finished.

The Hawaiians will start in 27,000-seat Honolulu Stadium. Fears' Suns are playing in Anaheim, home of the Angels, where the capacity is 47,000—by com-

parison with the 80,000-seat Coliseum, home of the Rams.

Portland, owned by personable hotelman Bruce Gelker, is coached by Dick Coury, a hustler last with the Denver Broncos, who will exhibit his people in a 33,000-seat stadium.

The other Western Division entry, Houston, was the slowest WFL team getting underway and the last to name a coach, Jim Garrett, a progressive thinker from the New York Giants and Dallas Cowboys. Garrett is a man who can do the job if they haven't handed him the job too late.

For one thing, Garrett will have the biggest stadium in the Western Division, either the Astrodome or the 80,000-seat Rice Stadium, home of last Super Bowl.

Garrett says he may not decide on Houston's quarterback until the first game, but in any case, of the teams in the West, Portland may have the top quarterback this season. He is Greg Barton, who has been playing in Canada lately after a short NFL

career that frustrated him.

Fears' quarterback in California is expected to be Gary Valbuena, a straight-throwing product of Orange Coast College who also played at Tennessee. Standing 6-4, Valbuena can also run.

In Hawaii, Giddings is looking at several quarterback candidates pending the arrival of Randy Johnson, who, in 1975, will be matching wits with Fears' California quarterback, the jumper from Oakland, Daryle Lamonica.

And in 1975 all of them—Lamonica of the Sun, Johnson of Hawaii and Barton of Portland—will have to contend with the Houston quarterback, Craig Morton.

The Central Division in 1976 may offer two of the better quarterbacks in either league: Kenny Stabler of the Birmingham Americans and Virgil Carter of the Chicago Fire.

Carter, who will be available to the Fire this season, is not universally endorsed as a great quarterback though he is a bet-



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ter man than most of his detractors. Stabler, however, represents the greatest steal yet by the WFL.

The 1974 entries will be built around some of the following players:

Hawaii: The WFL's best-organized team in terms of the long haul is considering two ex-Ram quarterbacks for 1974. They are Norris Weese of Ole Miss, who never actually got to the Rams although they drafted him fourth this year. They wanted him as a defensive back. Weese wanted to play quarterback, which he may get to do this year although the job probably belongs to Randy Johnson in 1975. Quite possibly Johnson is the most underrated quarterback to play in the NFL in the last five years. Had he been lucky enough to catch a Vince Lombardi or Paul Brown somewhere, Johnson might now be a famous quarterback.

Weese's competition this year will come from Dennis Dummit, a very good performer for UCLA who has played both for the Rams and in Canada.

Others in the Hawaii nucleus this year, besides Ron East, are Don Hutt of Boise State, a small-college All-American with 184 career catches, and running back Dave Buchanan, a veteran of Canadian football. Buchanan gained 1,165 yards at Ottawa in 1972. You don't do that in any league unless you have something on the ball.

Portland's adviser is Paul Salata, a canny businessman who is one of the country's best-informed experts on football and big-band music. "Get the quarterbacks," Salata advised, and management responded by coming up with six of them. Besides Greg Barton, they include Paul Brothers, another player with Canadian football experience, and four rookies: Don Van Galder of Utah, Ken Johnson of Colorado, Coy Hall of Miami, Fla., and Dan Heck of Kansas.

In cornering the market at this position, the Portland team will have two or three to use in trades. Down the road, that may make a difference.

Others in the Portland nucleus include Puddin Jones, the Hous-

ton rookie, and Marv Kendricks, a veteran from Toronto, both running backs; Gail Cogdill, the veteran NFL receiver; Rick Eber, with experience as a receiver at Saskatchewan, and two tight ends—Carlos Bell, who played for New Orleans, and Bob Christiansen from the Los Angeles Rams.

Houston, getting a late start this spring, has nevertheless managed to combine some quality, including Richmond Flowers of the New York Giants, a defensive back in the Giants' strongest department. Flowers and Craig Morton will come to Houston next year.

This year the quarterback is Karl Sweetan, an NFL veteran, whose fullback will be another NFL product, Hoyle Granger. Houston's defensive nucleus starts with two linebackers from the NFL, Garland Boyette of Houston and Bob Creech of Philadelphia.

California's 1974 nucleus includes (besides Gary Valbuena, the 6-4 dropback passer) running backs Tony Adams of Utah State and McAlister and Johnson from UCLA. Coach Fears has two receivers, Wendell Tucker from the NFL and rookie Ike Harris of Iowa.

In the line California presents (besides Booker Brown of USC) Gene Ferguson, an NFL veteran, and rookie Steve Gunther of Arizona State. On defense the Sun features Jim Buckman, Pittsburgh defensive end; rookie Beil Skarin, a defensive tackle from Arizona State; and NFL linebackers Ken Lee, Don Parrish and Danny Pride.

Birmingham, the favorite in the Central Division, will combine quarterback Denny Duron of Louisiana Tech with George Mira, and there are indications that the Americans will have the best running backs in the division with NFL jumpers Paul Robinson and Charlie Harraway.

Others in the Birmingham nucleus: wide receiver Dennis Homan from Kansas City; guard Buddy Brown, the Alabama All-American; center Wimpy Wintner, with New Orleans last year, and two defensive backs: David Langer of Auburn, who blocked



LARRY HATFIELD, left, owner of Southern California Sun, greets happy rookies, JAMES McALISTER, BOOKER BROWN and KERMIT JOHNSON.

the two punts that upset Alabama two years ago, and Larry Wil-
lingham, a safetyman from the
Cardinals.

Chicago had signed 247 play-
ers before May 1, including a
former NFL battery, Virgil Car-
ter to Jim Seymour. In other

years Seymour has played for the
Rams and Bears.

The Fire has also signed two
national champions from last
year, Mark Kellar of Northern
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(About the WFL)

By LARRY FELSER

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Most World League fans will have to wait until 1975 or later for the big game. That's when Larry Csonka, Jim Kiick and Paul Warfield join Memphis; when Daryle Lamonica became the quarterback of the Southern California Sun; when Calvin Hill starts running the ball and Ted Kwalick catching it for the Honolulu Hawaiians.

Until then it could be a battle for some WFL teams to stay afloat or at least stay competitive.

Bill Byrne, the personnel director of the Chicago Fire, said it succinctly when he was asked in a court hearing brought by the NFL why his team would consider raiding National League rosters if it had 300 players of its own under contract. "We are talking about quantity," said Byrne, in reference to the Fire's inventory of bodies, "not quality."

Those WFL franchises which seem best prepared for the pioneer season are Southern California, Chicago, Memphis, Honolulu and Birmingham, with Jacksonville, New York and Norfolk and Portland in the dark-horse category.

The Sun has operated big league from the start and Tom Fears is a respected head coach. Leo Cahill was the man who assembled the strong Toronto Argonauts team (Joe Theismann, Leon McQuay, Tim Anderson et al) a few years back and now he's general manager at Memphis. He knows where the good bodies are buried.

Mike Giddings, the ex Utah head coach and 49er assistant, moved aggressively in Hawaii to

line up a competitive equal. Virgil Carter gives the Chicago Fire reliable quarterbacking, something most WFL teams won't have this first season.

Most of the new clubs have concentrated on offense. The exceptions may be New York and Hawaii. The Stars have two ex Jet stars, John Elliott and Gerry Philbin, in their line and the Hawaiians have two ex Chargers, Ron East and Greg Wojcik.

The big question may be whether the teams can find enough capable talent to fill all their positions. The clubs which come closest to solving that problem will be the most successful in the kickoff season.

MEMPHIS: Legislated out of Canada and reduced to searching through the transcontinental U.S. for a home, this franchise could give Memphis one of the strongest teams in the league—even before Csonka, Warfield and Kiick arrive.

The quarterback assignment will be a fight between Danny White of Arizona State, the highest drafted quarterback in the NFL last winter, and John Huarte, one time Heisman Trophy winner from Notre Dame who labored without much notoriety for several NFL teams.

Until Warfield comes, they'll throw at receivers like Jack Ettinger of Arkansas (the Bears' seventh-round pick) and Jimmy Joe of Morgan State, the brother of ex NFL fullback Billy Joe.

The running backs include Paul Miles of Bowling Green (Baltimore's eight-round pick) and J.J. Jennings, the prolific ground gainer from Rutgers (drafted in the ninth round by Kansas City). Billy Taylor, once a star for Michigan's Rose Bowl team, also is available.

Fest Cotton, who spent a little time with the Browns, is the best known offensive lineman.

DETROIT: It may be some time before the Wheels actually roll in Detroit. In the meantime they operate out of Eastern Michigan's Stadium which seats just over 20,000.

Judging from the talent being lined up by General Manager Sonny Grandelius, they may not need many more seats.

The Wheels failed in their bid to sign fullback Steve Owens away from the Detroit Lions and did not do well in the NFL market generally. The quarterbacking will be split between Bubba Wychem former Tennessee star who has been in the Canadian League for several years, and Peil Pennington, who broke a lot of Greg Landry's passing records at Massachusetts during his collegiate career which ended last fall.

Hubie Bryant and Jon Henderson, both whom got scant chance to display their skills in the NFL, are the top receivers. Clyde Glos-son's 09.2 speed may be put to good use, too.

The best-known backs are Warren McVea, once a star at Kansas City, and Sam Scarber, who played with the Cowboys and in Canada.

VIRGINIA: The Ambassadors boast a blend of experience and youth which few WFL clubs possess.

The youth is personified by two 1973 All-Americans—Maryland

defensive tackle Paul Vellano and North Carolina guard Bill Yoest.

The experience is personified by quarterback Bob Davis, an NFL journeyman who becomes eligible immediately in the WFL. He could be the rival to Chicago's Virgil Carter as the best quarterback in the WFL's initial season. It's a bonus that he was a collegiate star at the University of Virginia.

There is plenty of savvy in a secondary that will include veterans Chuck Beatty, Rickie Harris and W.K. Hicks. Harris also is a kick returner of note. A.D. Whitfield is the only name running back.

Ex Ram Matt Maslowski should help the receiving and Gary Collins will try to locate his prime as a receiver as well as assistant coach.

HOUSTON: Eldridge Dickey gets his chance to play quarterback here. The ex Tennessee State little All-America was converted to wide receiver with so-so results in Oakland and Kansas

City.

Spaghetti Joe Spagnola, once a star at Arizona State, and Whitewater State's Mark Olejniczak, son of the Green Bay Packer president, are other candidates.

The Texans went heavily for retreads. They include running backs Hoyle Granger and Sid Blanks and middle linebacker Garland Boyette (all ex Oilers); defensive tackle Al Dotson (Kansas City-Oakland), defensive end Joe Robb (Lions), guard Dave Middendorf (Cincinnati) and tight end Frank Patrick (Packers).

Linebacker Bobby Creech played out his Philadelphia option to sign. A chance is being taken on Jimmy Hines, the ex Olympic sprinter who couldn't cut it with Miami.

The Texans gave up the rights to Burney Veazey, the Mississippi tight end, to acquire Giant safety Richmond Flowers from Hawaii. He'll join them in '75.

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John Stofa, to play quarterback. If he can't manage it, ex Georgia Tech star Eddie McAshan will get the big shot.

There are some good rookies —Notre Dame safety Mike Townsend, tight end Keith Krepfle of Iowa State, Texas linebacker Glen Gaspard, Mississippi State's 1000-yard gainer Wayne Jones and Notre Dame linebacker Frank Potempa.

There is a generous sprinkling of retreads—running back Travis Williams, guards Richard Cheek and O.Z. White, defensive tackle Bob Tatarek, corner Alvin Wyatt, defensive end Vernon Vanoy and wide receiver Bubba Thornton. PHILADELPHIA: The fabled minor-leaguer, Jim (King) Corcoran, will not only play quarterback for the Bell but also serve as assistant coach.

He'll have two speedy, tiny receivers in Linzy Cole and Ron Holliday, Cole is a good kick returner.

Top defensive linemen are Steve Chomyszak, who played out his Cincinnati option, and Rudy Sims, who did same with Ottawa of the Canadian League. NEW YORK: The Stars have a definite look of the old jets, starting with Coach Babe Parilli down through the defensive line where one-time all-pros John Elliott and Gerry Philbin reside to wide receiver, where George Sauer has returned to football.

Sauer will be among the league's most interesting players. He quit the Jets at the top of his all-pro career. He's been out of circulation for three years. The question is does he have anything left?

The man throwing to him will be Don Gault, who spent a career on the Cleveland Browns' taxi squad.

Best rookie seems to be Matt Herkenhoff, the offensive tackle drafted No. 4 by the Kansas City Chiefs. The Stars also are trying to make a fullback out of the great shotputter, Brian Oldfield.

The retread crew includes defensive lineman Lloyd Voss, wide receiver Homer Jones, corner D'Artagnan Martin, running back Bob Gladieux, fullback Don Abbey and linebacker Doug Woodlief.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME RANKINGS TOP 20 LIFETIME RUSHERS

(At the start of the 1974 season)

Rank	Player	Yr.	Att.	Yds.	TD
1.	Jim Brown	9	2,359	12,312	106
2.	Joe Perry	16	1,929	9,723	71
3.	Jim Taylor	10	1,941	8,597	83
4.	Leroy Kelly*	10	1,727	7,274	74
5.	John Henry Johnson	13	1,571	6,803	48
6.	Don Perkins	8	1,500	6,217	42
7.	Ken Willard*	9	1,582	5,930	45
8.	Steve Van Buren	8	1,320	5,860	69
9.	Bill Brown*	13	1,630	5,797	52
9.	Rick Casares	12	1,431	5,797	49
11.	Floyd Little*	7	1,399	5,566	40
12.	Mike Garrett*	9	1,308	5,481	35
13.	Dick Bass	10	1,218	5,417	34
14.	Jim Nance*	8	1,341	5,401	45
15.	Hugh McElhenny	13	1,124	5,281	39
16.	O. J. Simpson*	5	1,108	5,181	30
17.	Lenny Moore	12	1,069	5,174	63
18.	Ollie Matson	14	1,170	5,173	39
19.	Larry Csonka*	6	1,089	5,151	32
20.	Clem Daniels	9	1,146	5,138	30

*Active in 1973 season

Jim Brown, Joe Perry and Jim Taylor remained one-two-three as the all-time top ground-gainers in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Top Twenty Rushing Display in 1973. This is the way it has been ever since the display was created at the Canton, Ohio grid shrine in 1969 and the leadership of the three should not be challenged for another three or four years at least.

But there were big changes among the second 10 lifetime rushing leaders in 1973 with three newcomers welcomed to the club, Floyd Little of the Denver Broncos, O.J. Simpson of the Buffalo Bills and Larry Csonka of the Miami Dolphins.

The Top Twenty display is one of the "now," ever-changing exhibitions at the modern and popular pro grid showplace, in Canton, which welcomed 330,029 fans in 1973. Created in three-dimensional chart form, the display honors the lifetime individual leaders in scoring, rushing, passing and receiving.

Jim Brown, with a stupendous 12,312 yards in nine NFL seasons, has been history's top rusher since midway through his career and this mark comes as near being unapproachable as any in the NFL record manual. Perry totalled 9,723 yards in 16 seasons, including two in the AAFC, and Taylor's mark is 8,597 yards for 10 NFL campaigns. All three are now retired.

The principal threat to end this one-two-three domination may come from two of the trio of stars who broke into the Top Twenty last year. Little moved all the way to the No. 11 spot last year with a 979-yard season that upped his career total to 5,566 yards. He has averaged 795 yards in each of his seven seasons and, at that pace, he could reach Taylor's 8,597-yard figure in the 1977 season.

The biggest jump, however, came when O.J. Simpson rushed for 2,003 yards to run his five-year career total to 5,181 yards. That moved him all the way from 68th place to the 16th spot in the Top Twenty. Of rushers with more than 5,000



JIM BROWN, above at height of career, rates No. 1 among pro football's 20 top Hall of Fame rushers.

yards in their career, Simpson is one of the only three players to average more than 1,000 yards a season. One, of course, is Jim Brown. The other is Larry Brown of the Washington Redskins, who has totalled 5,037 yards in five campaigns. He currently is No. 21 on the all-time list and should enter the Top Twenty early in the 1974 season.

If Simpson can maintain his career-long pace of 1,036 yards a season, he could catch Taylor also in the 1977 season. However, if he can continue to perform as he did in his record-making 1973 season, he would catch Taylor midway in the 1975 season.

The third newcomer to the Top Twenty, Csonka rushed for 1,003 yards and now has 5,151 yards in his career and a 19th place position.

Five other rushers were active in the 1973 season. Tops among them was Leroy Kelly of the Cleveland Browns. Kelly rushed for only 389 yards last year but that upped his fourth-place total to 7,274 yards. Depending on how long he continues to play, the 10-year veteran may or may not be a threat to break up the top three domination.

Ken Willard of St. Louis jumped from 10th place to seventh place and now has 5,930 yards. Minnesota's Bill Brown fell from an uncontested 9th place tie with Rick Casares. Both have 5,797 yards. Mike Garrett of the San Diego Chargers jumped from 17th place to the No. 12 spot but Jim Nance, while active briefly with the New York Jets, fell from No. 12 to No. 14.

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TD's—22, Gale Sayers, Chicago (1965)
FG's—33, Chester Marcol, Green Bay (1972)
XP—56, Danny Villanueva, Dallas (1966)

	Td.	Td.	R.	P.	XP	FG	FGA	Pts
Ray, D., L.A.	0	0	40	30	47	130		
Mike-Mayer, Atl.	0	0	34	26	38	112		
Dempsey, Phil.	0	0	34	24	40	106		
Gossett, S.F.	0	0	26	26	33	104		
Knight, Wash.	0	0	37	22	42	103		
Bakken, St.L.	0	0	31	23	32	100		
Fritsch, Dall.	0	0	43	18	28	97		
Cox, Minn.	0	0	33	21	35	96		
Brown, Wash.	8	6	0	0	0	84		
Marcol, G.B.	0	0	19	21	35	82		
Anderson, St.L.	10	3	0	0	0	78		
Jackson, L.A.	0	13	0	0	0	78		
Gogolak, N.Y.G.	0	0	25	17	28	76		
Ray, E., Atl.	9	2	0	0	0	66		
Carmichael, Phil.	0	9	0	0	0	54		
Gilliam, Minn.	1	8	0	0	0	54		
Johnson, N.Y.G.	6	3	0	0	0	54		
Mann, Det.	0	0	14	13	19	53		
Garrison, Dall.	6	2	0	0	0	48		
McClard, N.O.	0	0	9	13	24	48		
V. Washington, S.F.	8	0	0	0	0	48		
Baker, L.A.	7	0	0	0	0	42		
Burrow, Atl.	0	7	0	0	0	42		
Gray, St.L.	0	7	0	0	0	42		
Taylor, Wash.	0	7	0	0	0	42		
Young, Phil.	1	6	0	0	0	42		
O'Brien, Det.	0	0	14	8	14	38		
Foreman, Minn.	4	2	0	0	0	36		
Hill, Dall.	6	0	0	0	0	36		
Stowe, Dall.	0	6	0	0	0	36		
Roder, Chi.	0	0	11	8	16	35		
Bertelsen, L.A.	4	1	0	0	0	30		
Dupree, Dall.	0	5	0	0	0	30		
Douglass, Chi.	5	0	0	0	0	30		
Garrett, Chi.	5	0	0	0	0	30		
Hampton, Atl.	4	1	0	0	0	30		
Kwalick, S.F.	0	5	0	0	0	30		
McCutcheon, L.A.	2	3	0	0	0	30		
Sullivan, Phil.	4	1	0	0	0	30		
Taylor, Det.	5	0	0	0	0	30		
Tucker, N.Y.G.	0	5	0	0	0	30		
Walton, Det.	1	4	0	0	0	30		
Percival, Chi.	0	0	10	6	8	28		
Brown, Minn.	3	1	0	0	0	24		
Bulaich, Phil.	1	3	0	0	0	24		
Dunbar, N.O.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Farr, Det.	4	0	0	0	0	24		
Harraway, Wash.	1	3	0	0	0	24		
Jessie, Det.	1	3	0	0	0	24		
Marinano, Minn.	2	2	0	0	0	24		
Newland, N.O.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Staggers, G.B.	1	3	0	0	0	24		
Thomas, Chi.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Feller, N.O.	0	0	7	4	12	19		
Brockington, G.B.	3	0	0	0	0	18		
Butler, N.O.	1	2	0	0	0	18		
Fugett, Dall.	0	3	0	0	0	18		
Harrison, Chi.	1	2	0	0	0	18		
Hayes, Dall.	0	3	0	0	0	18		
Montgomery, Dall.	0	3	0	0	0	18		
Malone, Atl.	2	1	0	0	0	18		
Owens, Det.	3	0	0	0	0	18		
Rashad, St.L.	0	3	0	0	0	18		
Reed, Minn.	3	0	0	0	0	18		
Staubach, Dall.	3	0	0	0	0	18		
Zimmerman, Phil.	0	3	0	0	0	18		
Beasley, Minn.-N.O.	0	2	0	0	0	12		
Clements, N.Y.G.	1	1	0	0	0	12		
Grim, N.Y.G.	0	2	0	0	0	12		
Hall, S.F.	2	0	0	0	0	12		
Hancock, Wash.	0	2	0	0	0	12		
Hayes, Atl.	2	0	0	0	0	12		
Herrmann, N.Y.G.	0	2	0	0	0	12		
Hill, Chi.	2	0	0	0	0	12		
Josephson, L.A.	2	0	0	0	0	12		
Klein, L.A.	0	2	0	0	0	12		

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SCORING	Td.	Td.	XP	FG	Tot
R.	P.	P.		FGA	Pts
Landry, Det.	2	0	0	0	12
Lane, G.B.	1	1	0	0	12
Manning, N.O.	2	0	0	0	12
Metcaif, St.L.	2	0	0	0	12
Newhouse, Dall.	1	1	0	0	12
Owens, Wash.	2	0	0	0	12
Pearson, Dall.	0	2	0	0	12
Profit, Atl.	2	0	0	0	12
Roland, N.Y.G.	1	1	0	0	12
Sanders, Det.	0	2	0	0	12
Shy, St.L.	1	1	0	0	12
Smith, B., G.B.	0	2	0	0	12
Smith, L., L.A.	2	0	0	0	12
Snow, L.A.	0	2	0	0	12
Spurrier, S.F.	2	0	0	0	12
Stevens, N.O.	2	0	0	0	12
Tagge, G.B.	2	0	0	0	12
Voigt, Minn.	0	2	0	0	12
Washington, S.F.	0	2	0	0	12
Willard, S.F.	1	1	0	0	12
Abramowicz, S.F.	0	1	0	0	6
Atkins, S.F.	1	0	0	0	6
Bailey, Phil.	0	1	0	0	6
Barnes, Det.	0	1	0	0	6
Bass, Wash.	1	0	0	0	6
Biggs, Wash.	1	0	0	0	6
Bougness, Phil.	1	0	0	0	6
Brodie, S.F.	1	0	0	0	6
Brown, Minn.	1	0	0	0	6
Bryant, B., Minn.	1	0	0	0	6
Bryant, C., L.A.	1	0	0	0	6
Butkus, Chi.	1	0	0	0	6
Carter, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6
Chesson, Atl.	0	1	0	0	6
Crosswhite, Det.	1	0	0	0	6
Cunningham, S.F.	1	0	0	0	6
Curran, L.A.	0	1	0	0	6
Ellis, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6
Evans, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0	6
Farmer, Chi.	0	1	0	0	6
Gabriel, Phil.	1	0	0	0	6
Geredine, Atl.	0	1	0	0	6
Gillette, St.L.	0	1	0	0	6
Goodman, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6
Grant, Wash.	0	1	0	0	6
Hilgenberg, Minn.	1	0	0	0	6
Hilton, Det.	0	1	0	0	6
Hunter, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6
James, Phil.	1	0	0	0	6
Jauron, Det.	1	0	0	0	6
Jefferson, Wash.	0	1	0	0	6
Johnson, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0	6
Jordan, Dall.	1	0	0	0	6
Lewis, Dall.	1	0	0	0	6
Matthews, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6
McCullough, Det.	0	1	0	0	6
McFarland, St.L.	1	0	0	0	6
McGeorge, G.B.	0	1	0	0	6
Mul-Key, Wash.	1	0	0	0	6
Neal, Atl.	0	1	0	0	6
Orduna, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0	6
Otis, St.L.	1	0	0	0	6
Outlaw, Phil.	1	0	0	0	6
Parsons, Chi.	0	1	0	0	6
Preece, L.A.	1	0	0	0	6
Renfro, Dall.	1	0	0	0	6
Richards, Dall.	0	1	0	0	6
Robertson, L.A.	1	0	0	0	6
Robinson, Wash.	1	0	0	0	6
Smith, St.L.	0	1	0	0	6
Stone, Wash.	1	0	0	0	6
Strayhorn, Dall.	1	0	0	0	6
Tarkenton, Minn.	1	0	0	0	6
Thomas, S.F.	1	0	0	0	6
Vector, Wash.	1	0	0	0	6
Wages, Atl.	1	0	0	0	6
Williams, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6
Wynn, Phil.	1	0	0	0	6
Clark, Dall.	0	0	1	1	2
Bateman, Dall.	0	0	1	0	1

RUSHING (11 or more yards—Less if TD)

RECORDS

Most—305, Jim Brown, Cleve. (1961)
Most Yds.—1863, Jim Brown, Cleve. (1963)
Most TD's—19, Jim Taylor, G.B. (1962)

	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Brockington, G.B.	265	1144	4.3	53	3
Hill, Dall.	273	1142	4.2	21	6
McCutcheon, L.A.	210	1097	5.2	37	2
Hampton, Atl.	263	997	3.8	25	4
Sullivan, Phil.	217	968	4.5	37	4
Johnson, N.Y.G.	260	902	3.5	29	6
Brown, Wash.	273	860	3.2	27	8
Bertelsen, L.A.	206	854	4.1	49	4
Foreman, Minn.	182	801	4.4	150	4
Taylor, Det.	176	719	4.1	34	5
Anderson, St.L.	167	679	4.1	54	10
Phillips, N.O.	198	663	3.3	20	0
Garrett, Chi.	175	655	3.7	35	5
Metcaif, St.L.	148	628	4.2	50	2
Washington, S.F.	151	534	3.5	25	8
Lane, G.B.	170	528	3.1	20	1
Douglass, Chi.	94	525	5.6	42	5
Harraway, Wash.	128	452	3.5	16	1
Garrison, Dall.	105	440	4.2	33	6
Newhouse, Dall.	84	436	5.2	54	1
Bulaich, Phil.	106	436	4.1	20	1
Ray, Atl.	96	434	4.5	17	9
Reed, Minn.	100	401	4.0	30	3

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RUSHING	Atts.	Lds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Owens, Det.	113	401	3.5	16	3
Farr, Det.	97	373	3.8	132	4
Harrison, Chi.	100	370	3.7	17	1
Willard, S.F.	83	366	4.4	33	1
Butler, N.O.	87	348	4.0	19	1
Baker, L.A.	85	344	4.0	17	7
Malone, Atl.	76	336	4.4	14	2
Proffit, Atl.-N.O.	90	329	3.7	22	2
Marinero, Minn.	95	302	3.2	27	2
Manning, N.O.	63	293	4.7	23	2
Smith, L.A.	79	291	3.7	16	2
Landry, Det.	42	267	6.4	18	2
Thomas, S.F.	56	259	4.6	16	1
Staubach, Dall.	46	250	5.4	18	3
Otis, St.L.	55	234	4.3	19	1
Osborn, Minn.	48	216	4.5	14	0
Clements, N.Y.G.	57	214	3.8	11	1
Brown, Minn.	47	206	4.4	21	3
Tarkenton, Minn.	41	202	4.9	16	1
Moore, Chi.	58	191	3.3	25	0
Stevens, N.O.	45	183	4.1	15	2
James, Phil.	36	178	4.9	24	1
Josephson, L.A.	36	174	4.8	14	2
Cunningham, S.F.	44	165	3.8	12	1
Schreiber, S.F.	42	163	3.9	13	0
Roland, N.Y.G.	53	142	2.7	10	1
Hooks, Det.	19	110	5.8	24	0
Scribner, L.A.	20	109	5.5	17	0
Orduna, N.Y.G.	36	104	2.9	25	1
Thomas, Wash.	32	95	3.0	13	0
Bailey, Phil.	20	91	4.6	15	0
Goodman, G.B.	18	88	4.9	19	1
Williams, G.B.	32	87	2.7	9	1
Reed, S.F.	15	85	5.7	20	0
Evans, N.Y.G.	34	77	2.3	15	1
Walton, Det.	4	74	18.5	157	1
Gilliam, Minn.	5	71	14.2	144	1
Lawson, Chi.	24	70	2.9	12	0
McClanahan, Minn.	17	69	4.1	10	0
Lee, Atl.	29	67	2.3	11	0
Shy, St.L.	16	66	4.1	18	0
Kosins, Chi.	24	65	2.7	7	0
Wittum, S.F.	1	63	63.0	63	0
Strayhorn, Dall.	11	62	5.6	24	1
Tagge, G.B.	15	62	4.1	141	2
Wages, Atlanta	18	47	2.6	13	1
Carmichael, Phil.	3	42	14.0	23	0
Moss, St.L.	14	41	2.9	13	0
Kwalick, S.F.	5	37	7.4	20	0
Washington, Atl.	4	36	9.0	16	0
Fugett, Dall.	1	34	34.0	34	0
Mitchell, Atl.	5	34	6.8	13	0
Bougess, Phil.	15	34	2.3	11	1
Staggers, G.B.	4	33	8.3	120	1
Munson, Det.	10	33	3.3	11	0
Zofko, Det.	11	33	3.0	8	0
Spurrier, S.F.	9	32	3.6	12	2
Jessie, Det.	5	31	6.2	17	1
Crosswhite, Det.	11	30	2.7	5	1
Harris, L.A.	4	29	7.3	19	0
Kethley, St.L.	8	29	3.6	18	0
Stowe, Dall.	3	28	9.3	14	0
Walton, Det.	1	26	26.0	26	0
Johnson, Randy, N.Y.G.	4	24	6.0	11	1
Young, Phil.	4	24	6.0	117	1
Lawson, N.O.	6	23	3.8	11	0
Huff, Chi.	11	22	2.0	8	0
Mul-Key, Wash.	8	20	2.5	7	0
Sullivan, Atl.	3	19	6.3	9	0
Atkins, S.F.	4	19	4.8	8	1
Weaver, Det.	1	18	18.0	18	0
Scott, N.O.	9	18	2.0	4	0
Burrow, Atl.	2	17	8.5	9	0
Robinson, Dall.	2	17	8.5	11	0
Brodie, S.F.	16	16	3.2	14	1
Gordon, L.A.-G.B.	15	15	7.5	19	0
Pinder, Dall.	12	15	1.3	5	0
Snead, N.Y.G.	4	13	3.3	14	0
McCullough, Det.	2	12	6.0	13	0
Preece, L.A.	1	11	11.0	11	1
Staroba, G.B.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Hammond, St.L.	4	11	2.8	7	0
Gabriel, Phil.	12	10	0.8	5	1
Hunter, G.B.	8	3	0.4	6	1

INTERCEPTIONS

(2 or more—less, if 11 or more yards)

RECORDS

Most—14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952)
 Most Yds.—301, Don Doll, Detroit (1949)
 Most TD's—3, Dick Lynch, Giants (1963)
 3, Herb Adderley, Green Bay (1965)
 3, Lem Barney, Detroit (1967)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Bryant, Minn.	7	105	15.0	146	1
Brown, Atl.	6	99	16.5	24	0
Jordan, Dall.	6	78	13.0	131	1
Houston, Wash.	6	32	5.3	22	0
Taylor, S.F.	6	30	5.0	22	0
Bass, Wash.	5	161	32.2	168	1
Owens, Wash.	5	123	24.6	27	1
Waters, Dall.	5	112	22.4	44	0
Stukes, L.A.	5	104	20.8	42	0
Johnson, Det.	5	82	16.4	38	0
Lyle, Chi.	5	62	12.4	24	0
Athas, N.Y.G.	5	52	10.4	26	0
Logan, Phil.	5	38	7.6	30	0
Jauron, Det.	4	208	52.0	195	1
Hayes, Atl.	4	142	35.5	165	2
Barney, Det.	4	130	32.5	38	0
Robinson, Wash.	4	98	24.5	39	1
Williams, N.Y.G.	4	82	20.5	35	0
Lucci, Det.	4	50	12.5	21	0
Johnson, S.F.	4	46	11.5	30	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Krause, Minn.	4	28	7.0	24	0
Bradley, Phil.	4	21	5.3	18	0
McMillan, L.A.	4	20	5.0	15	0
Fischer, Wash.	3	99	33.0	67	0
Robertson, L.A.	3	57	19.0	149	1
Ellis, G.B.	3	53	17.7	147	1
Hill, G.B.	3	53	17.7	20	0
Brezina, Atl.	3	51	17.0	36	0
Carter, G.B.	3	44	14.7	142	1
Jackson, N.O.	3	40	13.3	23	0
Myers, N.O.	3	33	11.0	20	0
Wright, Minn.	3	31	10.3	25	0
Merlo, N.O.	3	25	8.3	16	0
Lee, N.O.	3	23	7.7	12	0
Buffone, Chi.	3	22	7.3	22	0
Hughes, N.Y.G.	3	13	4.3	11	0
Wright, Minn.	3	6	2.0	6	0
Ellis, Atl.	2	90	45.0	48	0
Renfro, Dall.	2	65	32.5	35	1
Matthews, G.B.	2	58	29.0	158	1
Reynolds, L.A.	2	52	26.0	49	0
Ford, Chi.	2	50	25.0	41	0
Outlaw, Phil.	2	48	24.0	145	1
Tolbert, St.L.	2	34	17.0	26	0
Weaver, Det.	2	32	16.0	27	0
Clemons, Chi.	2	30	15.0	30	0
Preece, L.A.	2	25	12.5	25	0
Siemon, Minn.	2	24	12.0	21	0
Reaves, Atl.	2	20	10.0	11	0
Weger, Det.	2	20	10.0	12	0
Wilcox, S.F.	2	14	7.0	10	0
Duren, St.L.	2	13	6.5	13	0
Zabel, Phil.	2	13	6.5	7	0
Harris, Dall.	2	9	4.5	5	0
MacLeod, G.B.	2	8	4.0	8	0
Crist, N.Y.G.	2	6	3.0	6	0
Lockhart, N.Y.G.	2	3	1.5	2	0
Lawrence, Atl.	1	81	81.0	81	0
Brown, Minn.	1	63	63.0	163	1
Hamburger, Wash.	1	45	45.0	45	0
Plummer, Atl.	1	39	39.0	39	0
Reed, N.Y.G.	1	36	36.0	36	0
Toomay, Dall.	1	35	35.0	35	0
Vactor, Wash.	1	34	34.0	134	1
Files, N.Y.G.	1	22	22.0	22	0
Elmendorf, L.A.	1	16	16.0	16	0
Youngblood, L.A.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Arneson, St.L.	1	13	13.0	13	0
Nunley, S.F.	1	13	13.0	13	0
Phillips, S.F.	1	13	13.0	13	0
Ellis, Chi.	1	12	12.0	12	0
Rivers, St.L.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Sniadecki, S.F.	1	11	11.0	11	0



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RECORDS

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 Most Yds.—1495, Elroy Hirsch, L.A. (1951)
 Most pass TD's—17, Don Hutson, G.B. (1942)
 17, Elroy Hirsch, L.A. (1951)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Carmichael, Phil.	67	1116	16.7	73	9
Taylor, Wash.	59	801	13.6	53	7
Young, Phil.	55	854	15.5	180	6
Tucker, N.Y.G.	50	681	13.6	33	5
Sullivan, Phil.	50	322	6.4	29	1
Kwalick, S.F.	47	729	15.5	48	5
Herrmann, N.Y.G.	43	520	12.1	46	2
Gilliam, Minn.	42	907	21.6	154	8

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RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Bulaich, Phil.	42	403	9.6	180	3
Smith, St.L.	41	600	14.6	42	1
Jefferson, Wash.	41	595	14.5	36	1
Anderson, St.L.	41	409	10.0	44	3
Jackson, L.A.	40	874	21.9	169	13
Brown, Wash.	40	482	12.1	164	6
Washington, S.F.	37	606	16.4	58	2
Grim, N.Y.G.	37	593	16.0	48	2
Abramowicz, N.O.-S.F.	37	460	12.4	54	1
Foreman, Minn.	37	362	9.8	35	2
Metcalfe, St.L.	37	316	8.5	35	0
Washington, S.F.	33	238	7.2	20	0
Mitchell, Atl.	32	420	13.1	50	0
Johnson, N.Y.G.	32	377	11.8	145	3
Harraway, Wash.	32	291	9.1	31	3
Hill, Dall.	32	290	9.1	29	0
Beasley, Minn.-N.O.	32	283	8.8	15	2
Burrows, Atl.	31	567	18.3	57	7
Rashad, St.L.	30	409	13.6	165	3
McCurcheon, L.A.	30	289	9.6	131	3
Gray, St.L.	29	513	17.7	180	7
Newland, N.O.	29	489	16.9	42	4
Dupree, Dall.	29	392	13.5	40	5
Sanders, Det.	28	433	15.5	54	2
Lane, G.B.	27	255	9.4	30	1
Taylor, Det.	27	252	9.3	35	0
Garrison, Dall.	26	273	10.5	53	2
Marinaro, Minn.	26	196	7.5	17	2
Farr, Det.	26	183	7.0	27	0
Staggers, G.B.	25	412	16.5	50	3
Hampton, Atl.	25	273	10.9	22	1
Thomas, Chi.	24	343	14.3	38	4
Owens, Det.	24	232	9.7	30	0
Dunbar, N.O.	23	447	19.4	185	4
Stowe, Dall.	23	389	16.9	45	6
Volgt, Minn.	23	318	13.8	43	2
Garrett, Chi.	23	292	12.7	39	0
Pearson, Dall.	22	388	17.6	40	2
Hayes, Dall.	22	360	16.4	47	3
Zimmerman, Phil.	22	220	10.0	130	3
Roland, N.Y.G.	22	190	8.6	30	1
Phillips, N.O.	22	169	7.7	34	0
Willard, S.F.	22	160	7.3	26	1
Walton, Det.	21	302	14.4	149	4
Klein, L.A.	21	277	13.2	123	2
Harrison, Chi.	21	200	9.5	144	2
Jessie, Det.	20	364	18.2	184	3
Gillette, St.L.	20	244	12.2	148	1
Dodd, Atl.	19	291	15.3	25	0
Bertelsen, L.A.	19	267	14.1	44	1
Smith, Wash.	19	215	11.3	25	0
Ray, Atl.	19	192	10.1	139	2
Malone, Atl.	19	177	9.3	33	1
Thomas, S.F.	19	157	8.3	66	0
Butler, N.O.	19	125	6.6	16	2
Reed, Minn.	19	122	6.4	13	0
James, Phil.	17	94	5.5	13	0
McGeorge, G.B.	16	260	16.3	44	1
Snow, L.A.	16	252	15.8	138	2
Brookington, G.B.	16	128	8.0	37	0
Smith, G.B.	15	233	15.5	24	2
Farmer, Chi.	15	219	14.6	25	1
Clements, N.Y.G.	15	129	8.6	16	1
Cunningham, S.F.	15	118	7.9	23	0
Dale, Minn.	14	192	13.7	40	0
Montgomery, Dall.	14	164	11.7	132	3
Cotton, Chi.	13	186	14.3	63	0
Evans, N.Y.G.	13	100	7.7	20	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Geredine, Atl.	12	231	19.3	46	1
Schreiber, S.F.	12	98	8.2	31	0
Brown, N.O.	11	132	12.0	26	0
Glass, G.B.	11	119	10.8	23	0
Profit, N.O.	11	108	9.8	26	0
Hill, Chi.	10	119	11.9	18	0
Bailey, Phil.	10	80	8.0	19	1
Ishenbarger, S.F.	10	67	6.7	18	0
Smith, L.A.	10	65	6.5	11	0
McCullough, Det.	9	179	19.9	42	1
Fugett, Dall.	9	168	18.7	148	3
Reed, Wash.	9	124	13.8	34	0
Newhouse, Dall.	9	87	9.7	38	1
Lawson, Chi.	9	60	6.7	21	0
Houston, N.Y.G.	8	90	11.3	20	0
Reynolds, Chi.	7	127	18.1	30	0
Hawkins, Phil.	6	114	19.0	37	0
Richards, Dall.	6	91	15.2	153	1
Hilton, Det.	5	70	11.7	31	0
Orduna, N.Y.G.	5	44	7.3	17	0
Neal, Atl.	5	131	26.2	50	1
Curran, L.A.	5	56	11.2	27	1
Williams, G.B.	5	44	8.8	14	0
Thomas, Wash.	5	40	8.0	13	0
Sanderson, Chi.	5	23	4.6	9	0
Brown, Minn.	5	22	4.4	7	1
Winslow, N.O.	4	45	11.3	14	0
Hammond, St.L.	4	39	9.8	23	0
Stevens, N.O.	4	39	9.8	14	0
Bouggess, Phil.	4	18	4.5	6	0
Kosins, Chi.	4	8	2.0	10	0
Barnes, Det.	3	43	14.3	123	1
Bailman, N.Y.G.-Minn.	3	38	12.7	16	0
Moore, Chi.	3	17	5.7	6	0
Shy, St.L.	3	15	5.0	6	1
Osborn, Minn.	3	4	1.3	5	0
Chesson, Atl.	2	36	18.0	20	1
Parsons, Chi.	2	23	11.5	17	1
Hancock, Wash.	2	3	1.5	12	2
Grant, Wash.	1	12	12.0	112	1

PUNTING

RECORDS

Most—92, Howard Maley, Boston Yanks (1947)
Best Avg. 51.3, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940)
Longest—94 yds., Wilbur Henry, Canton (1923)

No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Bk.
Wittum, S.F.	79	3455	43.7	62
Weaver, Det.	54	2333	43.2	66
Widby, G.B.	56	2414	43.1	66
James, Atl.	63	2682	42.6	72
Blanchard, N.Y.G.	56	2347	41.9	62
O'Neal, N.O.	81	3375	41.7	71
Bateman, Dall.	55	2290	41.6	62
McNeill, Phil.	46	1881	40.9	66
Chapple, L.A.	51	2079	40.8	65
Green, Chi.	82	3321	40.5	62
Bragg, Wash.	64	2581	40.3	61
Eischeid, Minn.	66	2628	39.8	57
Keithley, St.L.	66	2478	37.5	55
(Non-Qualifiers)				
Bradley, Phil.	18	735	40.8	61
Staroba, G.B.	12	373	31.1	49
McCann, N.Y.G.	12	294	24.5	50
Montgomery, Dall.	4	158	39.5	48
Parsons, Chi.	4	106	26.5	33

PASSING

(5 or more completions—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most completions—288, Sonny Jurgensen, Washington (1967)
Most TD's—36, Y. A. Tittle, Giants (1963)
Most Yds.—3747, Sonny Jurgensen, Washington (1967)
Longest for TD—99 yards, Frank Filchock, Washington, to Andy Farkas (1939); George Izo, Washington, to Bobby Mitchell (1963); Carl Sweetan, Detroit, to Pat Studstill (1966); Sonny Jurgensen, Washington, to Gerry Allen (1968).

	Atts.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Gain	Tds.	Long	Had Int.	Pct. Int.	Avg. Gain
Staubach, Dall.	286	179	62.6	2428	23	53	15	5.2	8.49
Tarkenton, Minn.	274	169	61.7	2113	15	154	7	2.6	7.71
Hadl, L.A.	258	135	52.3	2008	22	169	11	4.3	7.78
Gabriel, Phil.	460	270	58.7	3219	23	180	12	2.6	7.00
Kilmer, Wash.	227	122	53.7	1656	14	164	9	4.0	7.30
Hart, St.L.	320	178	55.6	2223	15	169	10	3.1	6.95
Lee, Atl.	230	120	52.2	1786	10	57	8	3.5	7.77
Jurgensen, Wash.	145	87	60.0	904	6	36	5	3.4	6.23
Johnson, N.Y.G.	177	99	55.9	1279	7	48	8	4.5	7.23
Munson, Det.	187	95	50.8	1129	9	54	8	4.3	6.04
Manning, N.O.	267	140	52.4	1642	10	165	12	4.5	6.15
Douglass, Chi.	174	81	46.6	1057	5	63	7	4.0	6.07
Spurrier, S.F.	157	83	52.9	882	4	58	7	4.5	5.62
Brodie, S.F.	194	98	50.5	1126	3	66	12	6.2	5.80
Snead, N.Y.G.	235	131	55.7	1483	7	46	22	9.4	6.31
(Non-Qualifiers)									
Sullivan, Atl.	26	14	53.8	175	1	121	0	0.0	6.73
Harris, L.A.	11	7	63.6	68	0	27	0	0.0	6.18
Morton, Dall.	32	13	40.6	174	3	153	1	3.1	5.44
Tagge, G.B.	106	56	52.8	720	2	50	7	6.6	6.79
Landry, Det.	128	70	54.7	908	3	184	10	7.8	7.09
Hunter, G.B.	84	35	41.7	442	2	30	4	4.8	5.26
Reed, S.F.	114	51	44.7	589	2	38	6	5.3	5.17
Berry, Minn.	24	10	41.7	121	1	130	2	8.3	5.04
Huff, Chi.	126	54	42.9	525	3	129	8	6.3	4.17
Keithley, St.L.	73	32	43.8	369	1	180	5	6.8	5.05
Scott, N.O.	54	18	33.3	245	1	42	3	5.6	4.54
Del Galzo, G.B.	62	27	43.5	318	2	28	6	9.7	5.13
Reaves, Phil.	19	5	26.3	17	0	6	1	5.3	0.89
Cappleman, Det.	11	5	45.5	33	0	8	1	9.1	3.00
Davis, N.O.	17	5	29.4	14	0	14	2	11.8	0.82
Lane, G.B.	2	1	50.0	23	1	123	0	0.0	11.50

Leader based on percentage of completions—touchdowns—interceptions and average yards.

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PUNT RETURNS

(3 or more returns)

RECORDS

Most—53, Alvin Haymond, Los Angeles (1970)					
Most Yds.—555, Bill Grimes, G.B. (1950)					
Longest—98 yards, Gil Le Febvre, Cinn. (1933)					
Charley West, Minn. (1968)					
	No.	F.C.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.
Taylor, S.F.	15	6	207	13.8	61
Stevens, N.O.	17	15	171	10.1	37
Bertelsen, L.A.	26	10	259	10.0	34
Brown, Atl.	40	11	360	9.0	57
Barney, Det.	27	7	231	8.6	42
Elmendorf, L.A.	22	3	187	8.5	30
McGill, S.F.	22	1	186	8.5	54
Duncan, Wash.	28	11	228	8.1	18
Athas, N.Y.G.	20	14	153	7.7	28
Richards, Dall.	21	18	139	6.6	46
Hill, Chi.	36	6	204	5.7	72
Bryant, Minn.	25	14	140	5.6	16
Staggers, G.B.	19	12	90	4.7	26
(Non-Qualifiers)					
Mul-Key, Wash.	11	6	103	9.4	27
Hammond, St.L.	11	2	80	7.3	51
Ellis, G.B.	11	7	47	4.3	23
Wehrli, St.L.	9	7	92	10.2	33
Bradley, Phil.	8	12	106	13.3	43
Dodd, Atl.	8	1	69	8.6	28
Jauron, Det.	6	4	49	8.2	16
Thompson, St.L.	6	2	18	3.0	8
Winslow, N.O.	5	3	47	9.4	17
Alexander, Phil.	5	5	10	2.0	5
Scribner, L.A.	3	1	32	10.7	17
Harris, Dall.	3	3	20	6.7	12

Leader based on average return, minimum 14 returns.

KICKOFF RETURNS

(4 or more)

RECORDS

Most—46—Dave Hampton, Green Bay (1971)					
46—Chuck Latourette, St. Louis (1968)					
Most Yds.—1314, Dave Hampton, Green Bay (1971)					
Most TD's—4, Travis Williams, Green Bay (1967)					
4, Cecil Turner, Chicago (1970)					
Longest—106 yds., (TD), Al Carmichael, G.B. (1956)					
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Garrett, Chi.	16	486	30.4	67	0
Mul-Key, Wash.	36	1011	28.1	197	1
Shy, St.L.	16	445	27.8	197	1
James, Phil.	16	413	25.8	36	0
McClanahan, Minn.	16	410	25.6	45	0
Houston, N.Y.G.	15	375	25.0	51	0
Jauron, Det.	17	405	23.8	33	0
Hill, Chi.	27	637	23.6	195	1
Thomas, G.B.	23	527	22.9	34	0
Washington, S.F.	24	549	22.9	38	0
Stevens, N.O.	26	590	22.7	48	0
Love, N.Y.G.	18	396	22.0	39	0
McGill, S.F.	17	374	22.0	43	0
Washington, Atl.	20	432	21.6	30	0
(Non-Qualifiers)					
Bryant, L.A.	13	369	28.4	193	1
Ellis, G.B.	12	319	26.6	84	0
Hammond, St.L.	12	314	26.2	47	0
Taylor, Det.	12	295	24.6	60	0
Sullivan, Phil.	12	280	23.3	32	0
Scribner, L.A.	11	314	28.5	57	0
Nelson, Phil.	11	264	24.0	53	0
Hampton, Atl.	11	258	23.5	42	0
Krause, G.B.	11	244	22.2	30	0
Small, N.Y.G.	11	207	18.8	37	0
Davis, Phil.	10	236	23.6	28	0
Gilliam, Minn.	10	174	17.4	29	0
Geredine, Atl.	9	211	23.4	51	0
Alexander, Phil.	9	189	21.0	25	0
Cunningham, S.F.	8	173	21.6	35	0
Profit, Atl.-N.O.	8	144	18.0	26	0
Turner, Chi.	8	127	15.9	28	0
Pearson, Dall.	7	155	22.1	26	0
Lawson, N.O.	7	118	16.9	27	0
Montgomery, Dall.	6	175	29.2	63	0
Jessie, Det.	6	154	25.7	36	0
Harris, Dall.	6	148	24.7	33	0
Orduna, N.Y.G.	6	104	17.3	21	0
Plummer, Atl.	5	115	23.0	37	0
Hayden, St.L.	5	98	19.6	28	0
Fink, N.O.	5	81	16.2	24	0
Thomas, S.F.	5	81	16.2	23	0
Metcalfe, St.L.	4	124	31.0	48	0
Rizzo, N.Y.G.	4	86	21.5	29	0
Robinson, Dall.	4	86	21.5	28	0
Moss, St.L.	4	78	19.5	21	0
Gray, St.L.	4	73	18.3	21	0
Duncan, Wash.	4	65	16.3	38	0

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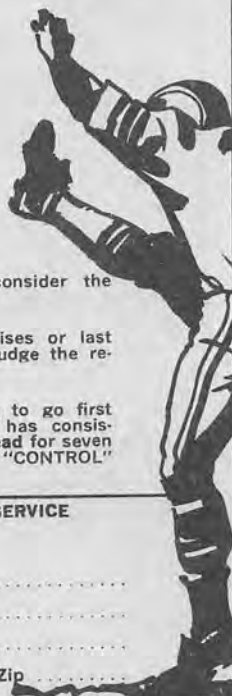
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SCORING

RECORDS

Points—155, Gino Cappelletti, Boston (1964)
TD's—19, Abner Haynes, Dallas (1962)
FG's—34, Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets (1968)
XP—64, George Blanda, Houston (1961)

	Td.	Td.	R.	P.	XP	FG	FGA	Tot Pts
Gerela, Pitt.	0	0	36	29	43	123		
Yepremian, Mia.	0	0	38	25	37	113		
Turner, Den.	0	0	40	22	33	106		
Blanda, Oak.	0	0	31	23	33	100		
Muhlmann, Cin.	0	0	31	21	31	94		
Stenerud, K.C.	0	0	21	24	38	93		
Cockroft, Clev.	0	0	24	22	31	90		
Leyboldt, Buff.	0	0	27	21	30	90		
Howfield, N.Y.J.	0	0	27	17	24	78		
Little, Den.	12	1	0	0	0	78		
Simpson, Buff.	12	0	0	0	0	72		
Hunt, Balt.	0	0	22	16	28	70		
Butler, Hou.	0	0	21	15	24	66		
Warfield, Mia.	0	11	0	0	0	66		
White, N.E.	0	0	21	14	25	63		
Morris, Mia.	10	0	0	0	0	60		
Shanklin, Pitt.	0	10	0	0	0	60		
Curtis, Cin.	0	9	0	0	0	54		
Moses, Den.	1	8	0	0	0	54		
Clark, Cin.	8	0	0	0	0	48		
Werschling, S.D.	0	0	15	11	25	48		
Holmes, S.D.	7	0	0	0	0	42		
Johnson, Cin.	4	3	0	0	0	42		
Odums, Den.	0	7	0	0	0	42		
Barkum, N.Y.J.	0	6	0	0	0	36		
Boozar, N.Y.J.	3	3	0	0	0	36		
Hubbard, Oak.	6	0	0	0	0	36		
Csonka, Mia.	5	0	0	0	0	30		
Cunningham, N.E.	4	1	0	0	0	30		
Phipps, Clev.	5	0	0	0	0	30		
Plunkett, N.E.	5	0	0	0	0	30		
Pruitt, Clev.	4	1	0	0	0	30		
Smith, Oak.	4	1	0	0	0	30		
Speyrer, Balt.	1	4	0	0	0	30		
Trumpy, Cin.	0	5	0	0	0	30		
Willis, Hou.	4	1	0	0	0	30		
Alston, Hou.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Biletnikoff, Oak.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Braxton, Buff.	4	0	0	0	0	24		
Caster, N.Y.J.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Davis, Pitt.	4	0	0	0	0	24		
Doughty, Balt.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Gresham, Hou.	3	1	0	0	0	24		
Herron, N.E.	3	1	0	0	0	24		
Mandich, Mia.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Mitchell, Balt.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Moore, Oak.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Pearson, Pitt.	2	2	0	0	0	24		
Pitts, Clev.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Riggins, N.Y.J.	4	0	0	0	0	24		
Tarver, N.E.	4	0	0	0	0	24		
Taylor, K.C.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Windsor, N.E.	0	4	0	0	0	24		
Chandler, Buff.	0	3	1	0	0	19		
Bradshaw, Pitt.	3	0	0	0	0	18		
Branch, Oak.	0	3	0	0	0	18		
Burrough, Hou.	1	2	0	0	0	18		

O.J. SIMPSON, Buffalo, set a new National Football League record of 2003 yards rushing, exceeding Jim Brown's record of 1863 yards in 1963. Included were 11 games of 100 plus yards, another record. Simpson's 332 rushes surpassed the previous NFL record of 305 carries set by Brown in '61.

SCORING	R.	P.	XP	FG	FGA	Pts
Davis, Pitt.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Harris, Pitt.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Kelly, Clev.	3	0	0	0	0	18
LeVias, S.D.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Lewis, Pitt.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Pearson, Pitt.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Podolak, K.C.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Rucker, N.E.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Siani, Oak.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Vataha, N.E.	1	2	0	0	0	18
Washington, Den.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Watkins, Buff.	2	1	0	0	0	18
Anderson, Mia.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Atkinson, Oak.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Bell, N.Y.J.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Briscoe, Mia.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Butler, K.C.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Dawkins, Den.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Domres, Balt.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Elliot, Cin.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Ellison, K.C.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Ferguson, Buff.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Foley, Mia.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Francis, Buff.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Fuqua, Pitt.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Garrison, S.D.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Hayes, K.C.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Hooker, Clev.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Livingston, K.C.	2	0	0	0	0	12
McCauley, Balt.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Mitchell, Balt.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Olds, Balt.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Robinson, Hou.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Smith, S.D.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Stingley, N.E.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Stroud, K.C.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Thaxton, S.D.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Thompson, Den.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Wright, K.C.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Bell, N.E.	0	0	4	1	4	7
Partee, S.D.	0	0	4	1	2	7

PASSING

(10 or more completions—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most completions—262, George Blanda, Houston (1964)
Most TD's—36, George Blanda, Houston (1961)
Most Yds.—4,007, Joe Namath, N.Y. Jets (1967)
Longest—98 yds. (TD), Jack Lee, Houston, to Deweall (1962)

	Atts.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yds. Gain	Tds.	Long	Had Int.	Pct. Int.	Avg. Gain
Stabler, Oak.	260	163	62.7	1997	14	t80	10	3.8	7.68
Griese, Mia.	218	116	53.2	1422	17	46	8	3.7	6.52
Anderson, Cin.	329	179	54.4	2428	18	t78	12	3.6	7.38
Johnson, Den.	346	184	53.2	2465	20	t62	17	4.9	7.12
Woodall, N.Y.J.	201	101	50.2	1228	9	t56	8	4.0	6.11
Plunkett, N.E.	376	193	51.3	2550	13	64	17	4.5	6.78
Livingston, K.C.	145	75	51.7	916	6	48	7	4.8	6.32
Domres, Balt.	191	93	48.7	1153	9	t66	13	6.8	6.04
Bradshaw, Pitt.	180	89	49.4	1183	10	67	15	8.3	6.57
Phipps, Clev.	299	148	49.5	1719	9	t51	20	6.7	5.75
Pastorini, Hou.	290	154	53.1	1482	5	50	17	5.9	5.11
Fouts, S.D.	194	87	44.8	1126	6	t69	13	6.7	5.80
Ferguson, Buff.	184	73	44.5	939	4	42	10	6.1	5.73
(Non-Qualifiers)									
Hanratty, Pitt.	69	31	44.9	643	8	t53	5	7.2	9.32
Dawson, K.C.	101	66	65.3	725	2	48	5	5.0	7.18
Beathard, K.C.	64	31	48.4	389	2	44	1	1.6	6.08
Namath, N.Y.J.	133	68	51.1	966	5	63	6	4.5	7.26
Dickey, Hou.	120	71	59.2	888	6	t66	10	8.3	7.40
Shiner, Atl.-N.E.	68	36	52.9	432	3	t34	4	5.9	6.35
Ramsey, Den.	27	10	37.0	194	2	t76	2	7.4	7.19
Unitas, S.D.	76	34	44.7	471	3	51	7	9.2	6.20
Lamonica, Oak.	93	42	45.2	614	2	48	8	8.6	6.60
Shaw, Buff.	46	22	47.8	300	0	40	4	8.7	6.52
Jones, Balt.	108	43	39.8	539	4	51	12	11.1	4.99
Morrall, Mia.	38	17	44.7	253	0	53	4	10.5	6.66
Gilliam, Pitt.	60	20	33.3	331	2	t46	6	10.0	5.52
Clark, S.D.	90	40	44.4	532	0	54	9	10.0	5.91
Demory, N.Y.J.	39	12	30.8	159	2	t31	8	20.5	4.08

Leader based on percentage of completions—touchdowns—interceptions and average yards.

SCORING	R.	P.	XP	FG	FBA	Pts
Anderson, Den.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Andrews, Balt.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Armstrong, Den.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Bacon, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Baker, N.Y.J.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Beathard, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Buoniconti, Nick	1	0	0	0	0	6
Cahill, Buff.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Chester, Balt.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Eaglin, Hou.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Edwards, C., S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Edwards, G., Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Foster, N.E.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Garrett, S.D.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Green, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Ham, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Harrison, Buff.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hendricks, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hinton, Hou.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Jones, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Kinney, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Knight, N.Y.J.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Lanier, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Leigh, Mia.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Lohmeyer, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	6
McMakin, Pitt.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Mitchell, Den.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Morin, Clev.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Nottingham, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Owens, N.Y.J.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Parks, B., Hou.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Parks, D., Hou.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Parrish, Cin.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Rice, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Richardson, Clev.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Rowser, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Russell, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Scott, B., Clev.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Scott, C., Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Simmons, Den.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Sowells, N.Y.J.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Sweeney, Oak.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Thomas, S.D.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Van Heusen, Den.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Wagner, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
White, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Wise, N.Y.J.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Dickey, Hou.	0	0	1	0	0	1
Holliday, S.D.	0	0	1	0	0	1
Safeties: Criter, Den.; Johnson, Mia.; Kiner, N.E.; White, Pitt.						
Includes Non-Kicking Extra Points by: Chandler, Buff.; Dickey, Hou.; Holliday, S.D.						

RUSHING	Atts.	Lds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Stabler, Oak.	21	101	4.8	13	0
Olds, Balt.	26	100	3.8	17	2
Anderson, Cin.	26	97	3.7	17	0
Doughty, Balt.	10	96	9.6	30	0
Livingston, K.C.	19	94	4.9	28	2
Armstrong, Den.	26	90	3.5	24	0
Clark, S.D.	13	86	6.6	16	0
Scott, Clev.	34	79	2.3	20	0
Nance, N.Y.J.	18	78	4.3	18	0
McKinnis, Clev.	28	77	2.8	12	0
Bjorklund, N.Y.J.	22	72	3.3	14	0
Holliday, S.D.	6	70	11.7	22	0
Woodall, N.Y.J.	13	68	5.2	17	0
Stingley, N.E.	6	64	10.7	19	0
Anderson, Den.	19	61	3.2	11	1
Jones, Balt.	18	58	3.2	17	0
Amundson, Hou.	15	56	3.7	10	0
Odums, Den.	5	53	10.6	21	0
Thomas, S.D.	22	48	2.2	12	0
Fagan, N.Y.J.	2	47	23.5	26	0
Ginn, Balt.	16	47	2.9	8	0
Dawson, K.C.	6	40	6.7	13	0
Thomas, Hou.	10	39	3.9	17	0
Wilson, Cin.	10	39	3.9	11	0
Burrough, Hou.	5	38	7.6	34	1
Van Heusen, Den.	4	34	8.5	32	0
LeVias, S.D.	2	33	16.5	22	0
Fouts, S.D.	7	32	4.6	16	0
McClain, N.Y.J.	8	32	4.0	13	0
Wright, K.C.	5	29	5.8	13	0
Moses, Den.	3	25	8.3	12	1
Gilliam, Pitt.	6	23	3.8	14	0
Guy, Oak.	1	21	21.0	21	0
Ross, Den.	5	21	4.2	8	0
Van Valkenberg, Buff.	2	20	10.0	12	0
Griesse, Mia.	13	20	1.5	21	0
Beathard, K.C.	6	16	2.7	11	1

PASS RECEIVING

(7 or more—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most caught—101, Ch. Hennigan, Houston (1964)

Most yds.—1746, Ch. Hennigan, Houston (1981)

Most Pass TD's—17, Bill Groman, Houston (1961)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Willis, Hou.	57	371	6.5	50	1
Podolak, K.C.	55	445	8.1	25	0
Rucker, N.E.	53	743	14.0	64	3
Biletnikoff, Oak.	48	660	13.8	32	4
Curtis, Cin.	45	843	18.7	77	9
Siani, Oak.	45	743	16.5	180	3
Clark, Cin.	45	347	7.7	39	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Barkum, N.Y.J.	44	810	18.4	63	6
Odums, Den.	43	629	14.6	147	7
Parks, Hou.	43	581	13.5	166	1
Burrough, Hou.	43	577	13.4	149	2
Little, Den.	41	423	10.3	150	1
Caster, N.Y.J.	35	593	16.9	49	4
Taylor, K.C.	34	565	16.6	46	4
Moore, Oak.	34	375	11.0	33	4
Pitts, Clev.	31	317	10.2	126	4
Shanklin, Pitt.	30	711	23.7	67	10
LeVias, S.D.	30	536	17.9	169	3
Briscoe, Mia.	30	447	14.9	53	2
Chandler, Buff.	30	427	14.2	137	3
Dawkins, Den.	30	329	11.0	42	0
Warfield, Mia.	29	514	17.7	145	11
Trumpy, Cin.	29	435	15.0	53	5
Hill, Buff.	29	422	14.6	42	0
Moses, Den.	28	518	18.5	176	8
Johnson, Cin.	28	356	12.7	178	3
Smith, Oak.	28	260	9.3	20	1
Gresham, Hou.	28	244	8.7	162	1
Klick, Mia.	27	208	7.7	22	0
Morin, Clev.	26	417	16.0	151	1
Doughty, Balt.	25	587	23.5	166	4
Mitchell, Balt.	25	313	12.5	33	4
McCauley, Balt.	25	186	7.4	34	0
Edwards, S.D.	25	164	6.6	28	0
Bell, N.Y.J.	24	319	13.3	138	2
Mandich, Mia.	24	302	12.6	128	4
Lewis, Pitt.	23	409	17.8	153	3
Windsor, N.E.	23	348	15.1	36	4
Stingley, N.E.	23	339	14.7	25	2
Pearson, Pitt.	23	317	13.8	146	3
Riggins, N.Y.J.	23	158	6.9	19	0
Brown, Clev.	22	187	8.5	46	0
Boozar, N.Y.J.	22	130	5.9	115	3
Vataha, N.E.	20	341	17.1	48	2
Branch, Oak.	19	290	15.3	154	3
Alston, Hou.	19	195	10.3	139	4
Holmes, S.D.	19	151	7.9	30	0
Herron, N.E.	18	265	14.7	29	1
Hooker, Clev.	18	196	10.9	26	2
Chester, Balt.	18	181	10.1	40	1
Hayes, K.C.	18	134	7.4	27	0
Speyrer, Balt.	17	311	18.3	47	4
Fuqua, Pitt.	17	150	8.8	22	0
Mitchell, Balt.	17	113	6.6	14	0
Wright, K.C.	16	252	15.8	44	2
Kelly, Clev.	15	180	12.0	36	0
Anderson, Den.	15	153	10.2	29	0
Cunningham, N.E.	15	144	9.6	134	1
Garrett, S.D.	15	124	8.3	30	1
Hubbard, Oak.	15	116	7.7	25	0

RUSHING

(16 or more yards)

RECORDS

Most—332, O. J. Simpson, Buffalo (1973)

Most Yds.—2003, O. J. Simpson, Buffalo (1973)

Most TD's—13, Cookie Gilchrist, Buffalo (1962)

13, Abner Hayes, Dallas (1962)

	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Simpson, Buff.	332	2003	6.0	180	12
Csonka, Mia.	219	1003	4.6	25	5
Johnson, Cin.	195	997	5.1	46	4
Clark, Cin.	254	988	3.9	26	8
Little, Den.	256	979	3.8	47	12
Mitchell, Balt.	253	963	3.8	36	2
Morris, Mia.	149	954	6.4	170	10
Hubbard, Oak.	193	903	4.7	50	6
Boozar, N.Y.J.	182	831	4.6	52	3
Podolak, K.C.	210	721	3.4	25	3
Dawkins, Den.	160	706	4.4	172	2
Harris, Pitt.	188	698	3.7	35	3
Smith, Oak.	173	682	3.9	19	4
Davis, Oak.	116	609	5.3	132	4
Edwards, S.D.	133	609	4.6	50	1
Willis, Hou.	171	579	3.4	25	4
Pearson, Pitt.	132	554	4.2	47	2
Brown, Clev.	161	537	3.3	17	0
Cunningham, N.E.	155	516	3.3	25	4
McCauley, Balt.	144	514	3.6	24	2
Braxton, Buff.	108	494	4.6	36	4
Riggins, N.Y.J.	134	482	3.6	15	4
Garrett, S.D.	114	467	4.1	68	0
Fuqua, Pitt.	117	457	3.9	25	2
Watkins, Buff.	98	414	4.2	17	2
Ellison, K.C.	108	411	3.8	19	2
Gresham, Hou.	104	400	3.8	52	2
Phipps, Clev.	60	395	6.6	27	5
Kelly, Clev.	132	389	2.9	19	3
Pruitt, Clev.	61	369	6.0	165	4
Hayes, K.C.	95	352	3.7	27	2
Tarver, N.E.	72	321	4.5	28	4
Ashton, N.E.	93	305	3.3	34	0
Holmes, S.D.	78	289	3.7	24	7
Davis, Pitt.	67	266	4.0	27	2
Adamle, N.Y.J.	67	264	3.9	36	0
Klick, Mia.	76	257	3.4	32	0
Nottingham, Balt.-Mia.	52	252	4.8	30	1
Plunkett, N.E.	44	209	4.8	20	5
Herron, N.E.	61	200	3.3	17	2
Banaszak, Oak.	34	198	5.8	26	0
Jones, S.D.	55	170	3.1	38	1
Robinson, Hou.	34	151	4.4	22	2
Ferguson, Buff.	48	147	3.1	24	2
Bradshaw, Pitt.	34	145	4.3	21	3
Lefear, Clev.	26	135	5.2	43	0
Leigh, Mia.	22	134	6.1	134	1
Kinney, K.C.	50	128	2.6	8	1
Domres, Balt.	32	126	3.9	14	2
Elliott, Cin.	22	122	5.5	15	1
Pastorini, Hou.	31	102	3.3	17	0

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Garrison, S.D.	14	292	20.9	51	2
Adams, N.E.	14	197	14.1	30	0
Holliday, S.D.	14	182	13.0	36	0
Simmons, Den.	13	249	19.2	53	1
Joiner, Cin.	13	214	16.5	26	0
Hinton, Hou.	13	202	15.5	134	1
Norman, S.D.	13	200	15.4	24	0
McMakin, Pitt.	13	195	15.0	44	1
Stroud, K.C.	12	216	18.0	48	2
Richardson, Clev.	12	175	14.6	32	1
Watkins, Buff.	12	86	7.2	28	1
Pearson, Pitt.	11	173	15.7	36	2
Kinney, K.C.	11	126	11.5	25	0
Ashton, N.E.	11	113	10.3	51	0
Washington, Den.	10	150	15.0	28	3
Seymour, Buff.	10	114	11.4	22	0
Harris, Pitt.	10	69	6.9	19	0
Coslet, Cin.	9	123	13.7	18	0
Pruitt, Clev.	9	110	12.2	42	1
Ellison, K.C.	9	64	7.1	17	0
Adamle, N.Y.J.	9	63	7.0	13	0
Tarver, N.E.	9	51	5.7	13	0
Van Heusen, Den.	8	149	18.6	162	1
Butler, K.C.	8	124	15.5	48	2
Jones, S.D.	7	125	17.9	37	0
Thaxton, S.D.	7	119	17.0	31	2
Williams, S.D.	7	118	16.9	30	0
Myers, Cin.	7	77	11.0	18	0
Davis, Oak.	7	76	10.9	19	0
Amundson, Hou.	7	60	8.6	18	0
Thomas, S.D.	7	51	7.3	37	1
Robinson, Hou.	7	46	6.6	19	0
Davis, Pitt.	7	31	4.4	9	1
Csonka, Mia.	7	22	3.1	9	0
Knight, N.Y.J.	6	78	13.0	19	1
Scott, Clev.	6	23	3.8	9	1
Parks, Hou.	3	31	10.3	12	1
Sweeney, Oak.	2	52	26.0	134	1
Armstrong, Den.	2	43	21.5	136	1
Elliott, Cin.	1	12	12.0	112	1
Andrews, Balt.	1	1	1.0	11	1

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INTERCEPTIONS

(2 or more—less if touchdown)

RECORDS					
Most—12, Fred Glick, Houston (1963)					
12, Dainard Paulson, Jets (1964)					
Most TD's—4, Ken Houston, Houston (1971)					
4, Jim Kearney, Kansas City (1972)					
No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.	
Anderson, Mia.	8	163	20.4	138	2
Wagner, Pitt.	8	134	16.8	38	0
Edwards, Pitt.	6	186	31.0	186	1
Rowser, Pitt.	6	131	21.8	171	1
Bolton, N.E.	6	65	10.8	56	0
Harrison, Buff.	5	117	23.4	38	1
Scott, Clev.	5	71	14.2	145	1
Howard, S.D.	5	25	5.0	25	0
Blount, Pitt.	4	82	20.5	24	0
Howell, N.Y.J.	4	76	19.0	41	0
Scott, Mia.	4	71	17.3	31	0
Jones, Den.	4	69	17.3	31	0
Roberts, Hou.	4	55	13.8	27	0
Baker, N.Y.J.	4	51	12.8	122	1
White, Balt.	4	40	10.0	119	1
Casanova, Cin.	4	33	8.3	16	0
Severson, Hou.	4	24	6.0	19	0
Thompson, Den.	3	96	32.0	159	1
Thomas, K.C.	3	65	21.7	33	0
Sensibaugh, K.C.	3	58	19.3	27	0
Sowells, N.Y.J.	3	55	18.3	130	1
Russell, Pitt.	3	54	18.0	145	1
Berge, Cin.	3	50	16.7	22	0
Atkinson, Oak.	3	48	16.0	36	0
Lanier, K.C.	3	47	15.7	29	1
Stratton, S.D.	3	46	15.3	23	0
Hendricks, Balt.	3	33	11.0	24	0
Cheyne, Buff.	3	31	10.3	31	0
Kearney, K.C.	3	30	10.0	24	0
Wilson, Oak.	3	28	9.3	20	0
Durko, N.E.	3	26	8.7	16	0
Beauchamp, Cin.	3	4	1.3	4	0
Alexander, Hou.	3	3	1.0	3	0
Brown, Oak.	3	—	—	—	0
Blahak, Hou.	2	120	60.0	87	0
Charles, Hou.	2	74	37.0	39	0
Kolen, Mia.	2	54	27.0	29	0
Craig, Cin.	2	52	26.0	30	0
Mitchell, Den.	2	43	21.5	140	1
Marsalis, K.C.	2	36	18.0	36	0
Davis, Clev.	2	33	16.5	20	0
Ham, Pitt.	2	30	15.0	27	0
Thomas, E., N.Y.J.	2	25	12.5	25	0
Thomas, A., Oak.	2	24	12.0	12	0
Davis, Pitt.	2	23	11.5	15	0
Kellermann, Buff.	2	23	11.5	19	0
Bingham, Hou.	2	22	11.0	18	0
Foley, Mia.	2	22	11.0	15	0
Kern, Balt.	2	22	11.0	22	0
Irons, Oak.	2	19	9.5	10	0
Johnson, Mia.	2	19	9.5	17	0
Reardon, K.C.	2	17	8.5	17	0
Toews, Pitt.	2	13	6.5	8	0
Oldham, Balt.	2	10	5.0	7	0
Parrish, Cin.	2	10	5.0	10	0
White, Pitt.	2	10	5.0	8	0
Curtis, Balt.	2	9	4.5	7	0
Sumner, Clev.	2	4	2.0	4	0
Anderson, N.E.	2	3	1.5	3	0
Laskey, Den.	2	3	1.5	3	0
Riley, Cin.	2	2	1.0	5	0
Bacon, S.D.	1	80	80.0	180	1

PUNTING

(11 or more)

RECORDS					
Most—105, Bob Scarpitto (1967)					
Best Avg.—46.2, Dave Lewis, Cin. (1970)					
Longest—98 yds., Steve O'Neal, N.Y. Jets (1969)					
No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Bk.	
Wilson, K.C.	80	3642	45.5	68	1
Guy, Oak.	69	3127	45.3	72	0
Van Heusen, Den.	69	3114	45.1	78	0
Seiple, Mia.	48	2031	42.3	57	0
Walden, Pitt.	62	2548	41.1	57	1
Partee, S.D.	72	2958	41.1	62	3
Lewis, Cin.	68	2790	41.0	60	0
Cockroft, Clev.	82	3321	40.5	71	1
Jones, Buff.	66	2660	40.3	62	0
Barnes, N.E.	55	2134	38.8	53	0
Lee, Balt.	62	2402	38.7	60	2
Butler, Hou.	36	1344	37.3	55	0
Fagan, N.Y.J.	74	2744	37.1	58	2
(Non-Qualifiers)					
Pastorini, Hou.	27	1087	40.3	59	0
Green, Hou.	22	868	39.5	61	0
White, N.E.	6	163	27.2	51	0

PUNT RETURNS

(6 or more—less if TD)

RECORDS						
Most—46, Rodger Bird, Oakland (1967)						
Most Yds.—612, Rodger Bird, Oakland (1967)						
	No.	F.C.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Smith, S.D.	27	5	352	13.0	184	2
Thompson, Den.	30	6	366	12.2	53	0
Scott, Mia.	22	16	266	12.1	33	0
Pruitt, Clev.	16	3	180	11.3	46	0
Herron, N.E.	27	8	282	10.4	54	0
Edwards, Pitt.	34	5	336	9.9	44	0
Walker, Buff.	25	4	210	8.4	23	0
Atkinson, Oak.	41	6	336	8.2	t63	1
Parrish, Cin.	25	1	200	8.0	47	0
Casanova, Cin.	15	6	119	7.9	27	0
Farasopoulos, N.Y.J.	14	10	111	7.9	23	0
Severson, Hou.	16	2	126	7.9	74	0
Haymond, Hou.	14	6	101	7.2	44	0
Marshall, K.C.	29	1	180	6.2	31	0
Laird, Balt.	15	6	72	4.8	13	0
Meyer, Pitt.	18	2	80	4.4	18	0
(Non-Qualifiers)						
Podolak, K.C.	11	11	90	8.2	48	0
Turner, N.Y.J.	11	4	54	4.9	10	0
Leigh, Mia.	9	2	64	7.1	26	0
Darden, Clev.	9	10	51	5.7	11	0
Lefear, Clev.	7	2	51	7.3	19	0
Volk, Balt.	7	7	45	6.4	13	0
McGee, S.D.	6	4	56	9.3	28	0
Anderson, Mia.	6	0	52	8.7	27	0
Cahill, Buff.	4	1	73	18.3	t51	1

KICKOFF RETURNS

(4 or more)

RECORDS				
Most—47, Odell Barry, Denver (1964)				
Most Yds.—1317, Bobby Jancik, Houston (1963)				
Most TDs.—2, Leon Burton, N.Y. Jets (1960)				
2, Wallace Francis, Buffalo (1973)				
Longest—106 yds. (TD), N. Smith, K.C. (1967)				
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng. Tds.
Francis, Buff.	23	687	29.9	1101 2
Speyrer, Balt.	17	496	29.2	1101 1
Pruitt, Clev.	16	453	28.3	54 0
Marshall, K.C.	14	391	27.9	38 0
Davis, Pitt.	15	404	26.9	48 0
Gresham, Hou.	27	723	26.8	1103 1
Herron, N.E.	41	1092	26.6	192 1
Davis, Oak.	19	504	26.5	76 0
Smith, S.D.	36	947	26.3	70 0
Haymond, Hou.	28	703	25.1	47 0
Hudson, Oak.	14	350	25.0	36 0
Jackson, Cin.	21	520	24.8	41 0
Armstrong, Den.	20	472	23.6	50 0
Laird, Balt.	24	547	22.8	51 0
Lefear, Clev.	15	337	22.5	59 0
McGee, S.D.	20	423	21.2	50 0
Adkins, N.Y.J.	31	615	19.8	38 0
Pearson, Pitt.	16	308	19.3	28 0
(Non-Qualifiers)				
Morris, Mia.	11	242	22.0	29 0
Dawkins, Den.	10	222	22.2	31 0
Jones, S.D.	10	217	21.7	40 0
Leigh, Mia.	9	251	27.9	51 0
Ginn, Balt.	9	198	22.0	29 0
Bjorklund, N.Y.J.	9	175	19.4	24 0
Wilson, Cin.	8	173	21.6	27 0
Holden, Clev.	8	172	21.5	29 0
McVea, K.C.	8	146	18.3	29 0
Hinton, Hou.	8	141	17.6	30 0
Parrish, Cin.	7	143	20.4	29 0
Stingley, N.E.	6	143	23.8	29 0
Jones, Buff.	6	116	19.3	22 0
Long, Clev.	6	87	14.5	38 0
Kinney, K.C.	5	130	26.0	40 0
Rucker, N.E.	5	103	20.6	42 0
McClain, N.Y.J.	5	89	17.8	21 0
Jarvis, Buff.	5	84	16.8	25 0
Admie, N.Y.J.	5	79	15.8	26 0
Eaglin, Hou.	3	76	25.3	39 0
Banaszak, Oak.	3	48	16.0	26 0
Bleier, Pitt.	3	47	15.7	20 0
Fanucci, Hou.	3	40	13.3	14 0
Olds, Balt.	3	14	4.7	10 0
Owens, N.Y.J.	2	103	51.5	182 0

1974 NFL SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES LOCAL
TV—National Television

SEPT.	TIME
15—Baltimore at Pittsburgh	1:00
Dallas at Atlanta	4:00
Cleveland at Cincinnati	1:00
Detroit at Chicago	1:00
Los Angeles at Denver	2:00
Miami at New England	1:00
Minnesota at Green Bay	1:00
New York Jets at Kansas City	3:00
Philadelphia at St. Louis	1:00
San Diego at Houston	1:00
San Francisco at New Orleans	1:00
Washington at New York Giants	1:00
16—Oakland at Buffalo	ABC-TV 9:00
22—Green Bay at Baltimore	2:00
Houston at Cleveland	1:00
Kansas City at Oakland	1:00
Miami at Buffalo	1:00
Minnesota at Detroit	1:00
New England at New York Giants	1:00
New Orleans at Los Angeles	1:00
New York Jets at Chicago	1:00
Pittsburgh at Denver	2:00
St. Louis at Washington	1:00
San Diego at Cincinnati	1:00
San Francisco at Atlanta	1:00
23—Dallas at Philadelphia	ABC-TV 9:00
29—Atlanta at New Orleans	1:00
Baltimore at Philadelphia	1:00
Chicago at Minnesota	1:00
Cincinnati at San Francisco	1:00
Cleveland at St. Louis	1:00
Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	1:00
Kansas City at Houston	1:00
Los Angeles at New England	1:00
Miami at San Diego	1:00
New York Giants at Dallas	1:00
New York Jets at Buffalo	1:00
Oakland at Pittsburgh	4:00
30—Denver at Washington	ABC-TV 9:00
OCT.	TIME
6—Atlanta at New York Giants	1:00
Baltimore at New England	1:00
Buffalo at Green Bay	1:00
Denver at Kansas City	3:00
Detroit at Los Angeles	1:00
Minnesota at Dallas	3:00
New Orleans at Chicago	1:00
Oakland at Cleveland	1:00
Philadelphia at San Diego	1:00
Pittsburgh at Houston	1:00
St. Louis at San Francisco	1:00
Washington at Cincinnati	1:00
7—New York Jets at Miami	ABC-TV 9:00
13—Buffalo at Baltimore	2:00
Chicago at Atlanta	1:00
Cincinnati at Cleveland	1:00
Dallas at St. Louis	1:00
Houston at Minnesota	1:00
Los Angeles vs. Green Bay at Mil.	3:00
Miami at Washington	1:00
New England at New York Jets	1:00
New Orleans at Denver	2:00
New York Giants at Philadelphia	1:00
Pittsburgh at Kansas City	1:00
San Diego at Oakland	1:00
14—San Francisco at Detroit	ABC-TV 9:00
20—Baltimore at New York Jets	1:00
Cincinnati at Oakland	1:00
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	1:00
Detroit at Minnesota	4:00
Kansas City at Miami	1:00
New England at Buffalo	1:00
New Orleans at Atlanta	1:00
New York Giants at Washington	1:00
Philadelphia at Dallas	1:00
St. Louis at Houston	2:00
San Diego at Denver	1:00
San Francisco at Los Angeles	8:00
21—Green Bay at Chicago	ABC-TV 1:00
27—Baltimore at Miami	1:00
Chicago at Buffalo	1:00
Dallas at New York Giants	1:00
Denver at Cleveland	1:00
Green Bay at Detroit	1:00
Houston at Cincinnati	1:00
Kansas City at San Diego	1:00
Los Angeles at New York Jets	1:00
New England at Minnesota	1:00
Oakland at San Francisco	1:00
Philadelphia at New Orleans	1:00
Washington at St. Louis	1:00
28—Atlanta at Pittsburgh	ABC-TV 9:00
NOV.	TIME
3—Atlanta at Miami	4:00
Buffalo at New England	1:00
Cincinnati at Baltimore	2:00
Cleveland at San Diego	1:00
Houston at New York Jets	1:00
Minnesota at Chicago	1:00
New Orleans at Detroit	1:00
New York Giants at Kansas City	3:00
Oakland at Denver	2:00
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh	1:00
St. Louis at Dallas	1:00
Washington at Green Bay	1:00
4—Los Angeles at San Francisco	ABC-TV 6:00

10—Atlanta at Los Angeles	1:00
Chicago vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	1:00
Cleveland at New England	1:00
Denver at Baltimore	2:00
Detroit at Oakland	1:00
Houston at Buffalo	1:00
Miami at New Orleans	1:00
New York Jets at New York Giants	1:00
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	4:00
San Diego at Kansas City	1:00
San Francisco at Dallas	1:00
Washington at Philadelphia	1:00
11—Minnesota at St. Louis	ABC-TV 8:00
17—Baltimore at Atlanta	1:00
Buffalo at Miami	1:00
Cincinnati at Houston	1:00
Dallas at Washington	4:00
Green Bay at Minnesota	1:00
Los Angeles at New Orleans	1:00
New York Giants at Detroit	1:00
New York Jets at New England	1:00
Oakland at San Diego	1:00
Pittsburgh at Cleveland	1:00
St. Louis at Philadelphia	1:00
San Francisco at Chicago	1:00
18—Kansas City at Denver	ABC-TV 7:00
24—Atlanta at San Francisco	1:00
Buffalo at Cleveland	1:00
Chicago at Detroit	1:00
Dallas at Houston	1:00
Denver at Oakland	1:00
Kansas City at Cincinnati	1:00
Miami at New York Jets	1:00
Minnesota at Los Angeles	1:00
New England at Baltimore	2:00
Philadelphia at Washington	1:00
St. Louis at New York Giants	1:00
San Diego at Green Bay	1:00
25—Pittsburgh at New Orleans	ABC-TV 8:00
28—(Thanksgiving Day)	
Denver at Detroit	NBC-TV 12:30
Washington at Dallas	CBS-TV 2:45

DEC.	TIME
1—Baltimore at Buffalo	1:00
Green Bay at Philadelphia	1:00
Houston at Pittsburgh	1:00
Kansas City at St. Louis	1:00
Los Angeles at Atlanta	4:00
New England at Oakland	1:00
New Orleans at Minnesota	1:00
New York Giants at Chicago	1:00
San Diego at New York Jets	1:00
San Francisco at Cleveland	1:00
2—Cincinnati at Miami	ABC-TV 9:00
7—Atlanta at Minnesota	CBS-TV 12:00
Cleveland at Dallas	NBC-TV 3:00
8—Buffalo at New York Jets	1:00
Chicago at San Diego	1:00
Detroit at Cincinnati	1:00
Green Bay at San Francisco	1:00
Houston at Denver	2:00
Miami at Baltimore	2:00
Oakland at Kansas City	3:00
Philadelphia at New York Giants	1:00
Pittsburgh at New England	1:00
St. Louis at New Orleans	1:00
9—Washington at Los Angeles	ABC-TV 6:00
14—Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	NBC-TV 1:00
Minnesota at Kansas City	CBS-TV 2:45
Dallas at Oakland	ABC-TV 6:00
15—Buffalo at Los Angeles	1:00
Chicago at Washington	1:00
Cleveland at Houston	1:00
Denver at San Diego	1:00
Detroit at Philadelphia	1:00
Green Bay at Atlanta	1:00
New England at Miami	1:00
New Orleans at San Francisco	1:00
New York Giants at St. Louis	1:00
New York Jets at Baltimore	2:00

SUPER BOWL IX JANUARY 12, 1975 New Orleans, La CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES (TV)

DEC.	Network
21—AFC & NFC Divisional Playoffs	NBC-CBS
22—AFC & Divisional Playoffs	NBC-CBS
29—AFC Championship Game	NBC
NFC Championship Game	CBS
JAN.	
20—AFC-NFC Pro Bowl at Miami	ABC

TV DOUBLEHEADER GAMES (Will be seen in most market areas)

SEPT.	(CBS)
15—Dallas at Atlanta	(CBS)
22—Kansas City at Oakland	(NBC)
29—Oakland at Pittsburgh	(NBC)
OCT.	
6—Minnesota at Dallas	(CBS)
13—Los Angeles vs. Green Bay at Mil.	(CBS)
20—Kansas City at Miami	(NBC)
San Francisco at Los Angeles	(CBS)
27—Oakland at San Francisco	(NBC)
NOV.	
3—Atlanta at Miami	(CBS)
10—Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	(NBC)
17—Dallas at Washington	(CBS)
24—Minnesota at Los Angeles	(CBS)
DEC.	
1—Los Angeles at Atlanta	(CBS)
8—Oakland at Kansas City	(NBC)
15—Buffalo at Los Angeles	(NBC)

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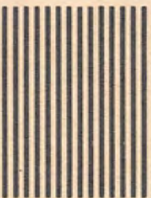
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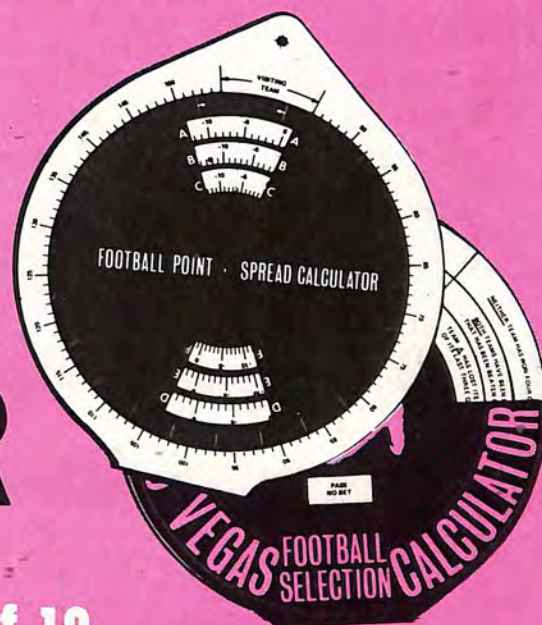
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